

TOWN RECORDS AND REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
LEXINGTON,
FOR THE YEAR 1885-86.



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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

FOR 1885-86.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF POOR, SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS, AND BOARD
OF HEALTH.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS. ROBERT M. LAWRENCE.
WALTER BLODGETT.

TOWN CLERK.
LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES.
CHARLES T. WEST.

ASSESSORS.
JOSEPH F. SIMONDS. WALTER WELLINGTON.
HORACE B. DAVIS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
BENJAMIN F. BROWN, Term expires in 1888.
GEORGE H. REED, Term expires in 1887.
ALBERT W. BRYANT, Term expires in 1886.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.
LUKE W. WRIGHT, Term expires in 1888.
TIMOTHY H. BOWEN, Term expires in 1887.
LORING S. PIERCE, Term expires in 1886.

AUDITORS.
GERSHOM SWAN. HILMAN B. SAMPSON.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CARY LIBRARY CONSISTS OF THE SELECTMEN,
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, AND SETTLED CLERGYMEN OF THE TOWN.

TRUSTEES OF BRIDGE CHARITABLE FUND.
ALBERT W. BRYANT, Term expires in 1891.
GEORGE E. MUZZEY, Term expires in 1889 (*Treasurer*).
GEORGE O. DAVIS, Term expires in 1887.

TRUSTEES OF GAMMELL LEGACY.
Mrs. LUCY M. R. WHITING. Miss LUCY BLODGETT.

CONSTABLES.
WALTER WELLINGTON. HERBERT G. WORTH.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.
EVERETT S. LOCKE. GEORGE L. PIERCE.
HENRY R. EARL.

LIBRARIAN OF CARY LIBRARY.
Miss GRACE S. WELLINGTON.

TREASURER OF CARY LIBRARY FUND.

GEORGE H. REED.

TREASURER OF CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

LUKE W. WRIGHT.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

GEORGE O. SMITH, Term expires in 1888.

LEONARD G. BABCOCK, Term expires in 1887.

BRADLEY C. WHITCHER, Term expires in 1886.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE (*Clerk*).

FENCE VIEWERS.

B. T. BATCHELLER.

WALTER BLODGETT.

EVERETT S. LOCKE.

FIELD DRIVERS.

GEO. M. LITCHFIELD.

MICHAEL BARRY.

GEO. H. REED.

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER.

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS OF TOWN SCALES.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

RUFUS W. HOLBROOK.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

LEONARD A. SAVILLE.

HORACE B. DAVIS.

FRANK V. BUTTERS.

AUGUSTUS CHILDS.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY R. EARL.

SEXTON.

CHARLES T. WEST.

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL BUILDING.

GEORGE H. THURSTON.

JANITOR OF VILLAGE HALL BUILDING.

CHARLES G. KAUFFMAN.

POLICE OFFICERS.

ALBERT M. DAVIS.

HENRY E. BISHOP.

POUND KEEPER.

GEORGE H. THURSTON.

APPRAISERS OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

GERSHOM SWAN.

FRANCIS E. BALLARD.

WALTER WELLINGTON.

AUCTIONEER.

ABBOTT S. MITCHELL.

SUPERINTENDENT AND MATRON OF ALMSHOUSE.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT H. WHITE.

LAMPLIGHTERS.

JOHN RYAN.

J. G. KAUFFMAN.

LEXINGTON TOWN RECORDS

FOR THE YEAR 1885-86.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING,

TO BE HELD MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1885.

To *WALTER WELLINGTON, Constable of Lexington, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Lexington qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town hall on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1885, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose town officers for the ensuing year, including one school committee man for the term of three years.

ART. 4. To choose one committee man for three years, to fill a vacancy in the Cemetery Committee.

ART. 5. To provide for the support of the poor for the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 6. To provide for the repairs of the highways the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 7. To provide for the support of the public schools the ensuing year, including their several grades, and grant money for the same.

ART. 8. To provide for the support of the Fire Department the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 9. To provide for the support of the street lamps the ensuing year, and grant money for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money for any necessary purpose.

ART. 11. To see what measures the town will adopt in relation to the collection of taxes the ensuing year, or act in any manner in relation to the subject.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote for or against granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in answer to the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The vote on the above question shall be by ballot, — "Yes" or "No," — and the check-list shall be used, as provided by Section 5, Chapter 100 of the Public Statutes.

ART. 13. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors presented by the Selectmen.

ART. 14. To see if the town will make the appropriations for town expenses the ensuing year, as submitted by the Selectmen, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize a preliminary survey for a proposed system of sewerage and drainage, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will assume the cost of printing a new catalogue of Cary Library, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will make an appropriation to repair Village Hall building, or act in any manner in relation to the subject.

ART. 18. To see if the town will choose a committee to examine the High School building, and report at the next town meeting what alterations, if any, are required, or act in any manner in relation to the subject.

ART. 19. To see if the town will choose a committee to examine the almshouse, and report at the next town meeting what alterations are necessary to meet the present requirements, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the town will take any measures to improve the Common, or act in any manner relating thereto.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Lexington, this twelfth day of February, A. D. 1885.

ALBERT W. BRYANT, } *Selectmen*
JOSEPH F. SIMONDS, } *of*
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE, } *Lexington.*

LEXINGTON, Feb. 27, 1885.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Lexington as therein directed, by posting a copy, duly attested, in the post-offices and other public places in each village, and by leaving a duly attested copy with each family in town seven days before the time of said meeting.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington.*

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

LEXINGTON, March 2, 1885.

As ordered in the foregoing warrant, the meeting assembled and was called to order at the time specified in the warrant and the return of the constable thereon was read, and under the first article it was voted as follows: —

ARTICLE 1. *Voted*, That the polls for the choice of moderator be kept open five minutes. On ballot with the use of the check-list, Mr. Augustus E. Scott was chosen moderator.

ART. 2. The Committee on Memorial and Historical Tablets and Monuments made an extended report, and the town

Voted, That the report be accepted and be published in a pamphlet form, with the report of last year, and that the same be sent to

every voter in the town and that the expense thereof be paid from money in the treasury. Also,

Voted, That the printing of the report be referred to the same committee.

ARTS. 3 AND 4. *Voted*, That Articles 3 and 4 be taken up together, and that under those articles we proceed to choose, all on one ballot, the following officers, viz.: three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor, Surveyors of Highways, and Board of Health; one Town Clerk; three Assessors; one Treasurer, who shall also be Collector of Taxes; two Constables; one School Committee man, for the term of three years; one Cemetery Committee man, for the term of three years; and two Auditors; and that the polls be kept open until 5.15 P. M.

Voted, To take up Article 12, so that ballots could be cast on the liquor question at the same time.

The polls were then declared open, and subsequently the moderator appointed Messrs. George O. Smith, Francis E. Ballard, and William W. Reed to act as tellers in sorting and counting the votes; and they were sworn by the Town Clerk, and at the close of their labor the moderator announced the result of the balloting. [The list of town officers chosen will be found elsewhere.] Three Fence Viewers, three Field Drivers, and two Surveyors of Lumber were chosen by nomination at large. It was then

Voted, That the remaining minor town officers be appointed by the Selectmen.

ART. 5. *Voted*, That the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be appropriated for the support of the poor the ensuing year.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3,500) be appropriated for the support of the highways the ensuing year, in addition to the unexpended balance now in the treasury (\$292.06).

ART. 7. *Voted*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), as recommended by the School Committee, be appropriated for the support of the public schools the ensuing year.

ART. 8. *Voted*, That the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) be appropriated for the expenses of the Fire Department the ensu-

ing year, and that the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) be appropriated for the purchase of new hose and a hose wagon for the Fire Department, said sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Engineers.

ART. 9. *Voted*, That the sum of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) be appropriated for the support of the street lamps the ensuing year, in addition to the unexpended balance now in the treasury (\$97.49).

ART. 10. *Voted*, That the town authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money for any necessary purpose.

ART. 11. *Voted*, That all taxes for the current year be made payable on or before Dec. 1, 1885, and that a discount at the rate of one half of one per cent per month for all full months prior to said date be deducted for prompt payment; and on all taxes remaining unpaid at said date, interest at the rate of six per cent per annum shall be added, and that the Collector be instructed to collect all taxes before Feb. 1, 1886.

ART. 12. The vote under this article was by ballot, "yes" or "no," and the check-list was used in the balloting. After the close of the polls, the moderator announced as the result, "yes," 137; "no," "121."

ART. 13. *Voted*, That the names of Messrs. Hilman B. Sampson and Henry P. Webber be stricken from the list of jurors, they having been drawn since the list was posted.

Voted, That the name of Mr. Charles H. Lowe be stricken from the list at his request, and the name of Mr. Albert Bradford Smith substituted.

Voted, That the list as amended be accepted by the town.

ART. 14. The Selectmen submitted a list of appropriations for the expenses of the town for the current year, and the town

Voted, That the list be acted upon item by item. *Voted*,

For salaries of Selectmen, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	\$800
Assessors	.	.	.	.	.	425
Auditors .	.	.	.	.	.	45
Town Clerk	.	.	.	.	.	100

the next town meeting what alterations and improvements are necessary to meet the present requirements; and Messrs. George B. Dennett, Sidney Butters, and John McKinnon were nominated and chosen as such committee.

ART. 20. *Voted*, That a committee of five be appointed by the moderator to consider and report to the next town meeting in regard to improving the Common; and the moderator appointed Rev. C. A. Staples, and Messrs. C. C. Goodwin, Cornelius Wellington, James S. Munroe, and Harry W. Davis as such committee.

After the declaration of the result of the balloting, and the swearing in such of the newly elected officers as were present, the moderator declared the meeting dissolved.

A true record.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk*.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE, LEXINGTON, March 10, 1885.

L. A. SAVILLE, Esq., *Town Clerk*.

Dear Sir, — At a meeting of the Selectmen held March 9, 1885, the following appointments were made, to date from April 1 next: —

Public Weighers and Superintendents of Town Scales. — L. A. Saville and R. W. Holbrook.

Weigher of Grain. — George E. Muzzey.

Measurers of Wood and Bark. — L. A. Saville, H. B. Davis, F. V. Butters, and Aug. Childs.

Sexton. — O. W. Kendall.

Pound Keeper. — George H. Thurston.

Janitor of Village Hall. — Charles G. Kauffman.

Auctioneer. — Abbott S. Mitchell.

Superintendent and Matron of Almshouse. — Mr. and Mrs. Robt. H. White.

Lamplighter. — John Ryan.

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,

Clerk of Selectmen.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

APRIL 15, 1885.

To WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1885, at seven o'clock P. M., to act on the following articles, namely:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To fill vacancies in town offices, if any exist.

ART. 4. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at the March meeting at which the sum of \$3,500 was voted for repairs of highways the ensuing year, instead of the sum of \$3,000, as recommended in the report of the surveyors of highways, or act in any manner in relation to an appropriation for highways.

ART. 5. To see if the town will choose a committee to represent its interests at the hearings before the Committee of the Legislature on water supply, on the petition of Moses Joy, Jr., to take the waters of Vine Brook.

ART. 6. To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby the report of the Board of Selectmen for 1884-5 was accepted, or act in any manner in relation to the subject.

ART. 7. To see if the town will reconsider any or all the votes passed under the warrant for the annual March meeting, held March 2, 1885, or act in any manner in relation to said votes.

ART. 8. To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby the balances in the several departments for the preceding year shall be carried to the credit of the same departments for the current year.

ART. 9. To see if the town will cause the check-list to be used when voting for appropriations, if requested by five or more voters, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the town will allow payment to the School Committee for coal furnished the East Lexington reading-room, when the Adams schools are not in session, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 11. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed March 2 appropriating \$100 for a preliminary survey for sewerage and drainage.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to draw from any unappropriated money in the treasury for contingent expenses.

ART. 13. To see if the town will rescind the vote passed at a meeting held March 3, 1884, whereby it was voted to appropriate and assess \$1,000 towards the payment of the town debt, and that the same be used in the payment, as far as it goes, for any alteration or improvement upon the town buildings.

ART. 14. To see if the town will accept the report of the Selectmen in relation to the laying out as a public street of a portion of Stetson Street, upon the petition of Geo. H. Emery and others.

ART. 15. To see if the town will reduce the price for the rental of the Town Hall, or act in any manner relating thereto.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Lexington, this twenty-sixth day of March, A. D. 1885.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Lexington.</i>
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,		
WALTER BLODGETT,		

A true copy.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable.*

LEXINGTON, April 13, 1885.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the foregoing warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town, as therein directed, by posting a copy thereof, duly attested, in the post-offices and other public places in each village, and by leaving a duly attested copy with each family in the town, seven days before said meeting.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington.*

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

LEXINGTON, April 15, 1885.

The meeting specified in the foregoing warrant was called to order by the Town Clerk, and the warrant, and the return of the constable thereon read; and under

ARTICLE 1, it was *Voted*, That the polls be kept open five minutes for choice of moderator. On ballot, with the use of the check-list, Mr. Augustus E. Scott was elected moderator, and was duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

ART. 2. On motion of Rev. C. A. Staples,

Voted, That reports from all the committees be laid on the table, as presented, before the town take action on any one.

Mr. B. T. Batcheller, for the Committee on Village Hall building, made a report (recorded in Reports of Committees, p. 225). Mr. W. H. Merriam, for the Committee on High School building, made a report (Reports of Committees, p. 226). The moderator read the report of the Selectmen on laying out a portion of Stetson Street (Reports of Committees, p. 229). The moderator read the report of the Committee on the Almshouse (Reports of Committees, p. 225). Rev. C. A. Staples, for the Committee on Historical Monuments and Tablets, made a final report (Reports of Committees, p. 228). Rev. C. A. Staples, for the Committee on Improving the Common, made a report (Reports of Committees, p. 229). On motion of Mr. S. H. Gookin, it was

Voted, That the reports be taken from the table and acted on.

On motion of Mr. B. F. Brown,

Voted, That the report of the Committee on the High School Building be accepted, and its recommendations adopted. (\$1,800.)

On motion of Mr. Cornelius Wellington,

Voted, That the report of the Committee on the Almshouse be accepted, and its recommendations adopted, and that a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be appropriated and assessed for this purpose.

Voted, That the contract for work done on the almshouse be awarded to the lowest bidder, in the same manner as in the case of the High School building.

Voted, That the improvements on the High Schoolhouse and the almshouse be left to separate committees.

Voted, That said committees be appointed by the Chair, and consist of three members each; and the Chair appointed as the Committee on High School Building, Messrs. M. H. Merriam, A. W. Bryant, and C. G. Kauffman; and as the Committee on the Almshouse Building, Messrs. J. F. Simonds, George W. Robinson, and Webster Smith.

On motion of Mr. C. G. Kauffman, it was

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Village Hall building be divided, and that the sum of one hundred and forty dollars (\$140) be appropriated for outside repairs, and that the portion of the report relating to inside repairs be indefinitely postponed; and the moderator appointed as the Committee on the Village Hall Building, Messrs. Cornelius Wellington, Walter Wellington, and A. Bradford Smith.

Voted, That the report of the committee on Improving the Common be accepted and its recommendations be adopted.

Voted, That the same committee be authorized to carry out the plans proposed in the report. (\$100.)

ART. 3. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to appoint a suitable person to fill the office of constable in place of Mr. George H. Cutter, who refuses to qualify. The following were chosen field drivers to fill vacancies: Messrs. William F. Ham, Michael Barry, and Webster Smith.

ART. 4. *Voted*, That the article be indefinitely postponed (see action under Art. 7).

ART. 5. Mr. A. E. Scott made a statement of the history of the Lexington Water Company, and, while favorable to the company to a certain extent, was opposed to granting the privilege of taking the waters of Vine Brook except under stringent restrictions.

Mr. Moses Joy, Jr., the president of the company, not being a citizen of the town, was granted the privilege of replying to Mr. Scott, and presented his view of the case, claiming that under such a bill as the Legislature might grant, the rights and interests of all private individuals and corporations would be fully protected. After much discussion a motion to indefinitely postpone the matter was offered and was defeated, and the town finally

Voted, That a committee of five be chosen by nomination at large to attend the hearings before the Legislative Committee on Water Supply on said petition, and the following gentlemen were chosen as such committee: Messrs. George W. Robinson, M. H. Merriam, Benj. F. Brown, F. E. Ballard, and E. S. Locke.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That the subject be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 7. *Voted*, That the action of the town at the meeting held March 2, 1885, be rescinded so far as it relates to the assessment of thirty-five hundred dollars for highways and two thousand dollars for support of the poor, and that the money be taken from funds now in the treasury.

ART. 8. *Voted*, That the town reconsider the vote whereby the balances in the several departments for the preceding year shall be carried to the credit of the same departments for the current year.

ART. 9. *Voted*, That the town cause the check-list to be used when voting for appropriations, if requested by five or more voters.

ART. 10. *Voted*, That the sum of \$35 be appropriated and assessed, subject to the order of the School Committee, for the purpose.

ART. 11. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 12. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be authorized to draw from any unappropriated money in the treasury, to meet contingent expenses.

ART. 13. *Voted*, That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 14. *Voted*, That the report of the Selectmen on laying out Stetson Street be accepted, and its recommendations be adopted. (\$150.)

ART. 15. *Voted*, That the rental of the Town Hall, including the upper hall, be placed at \$5 per night to townspeople.

The meeting was then declared dissolved.

A true record.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk*.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

MAY 11, 1885.

To WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington*, *Greeting* :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Monday, the eleventh day of May, A. D. 1885, at 7.30 P. M., to act on the following articles, viz. : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any committees that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the town will grant and appropriate money toward the payment of the town debt, or provide for the payment of the debt during the next ten years, as required by statute, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 4. To fill vacancies in town offices, if any exist.

ART. 5. To see if the town will make an appropriation to construct sidewalks with concrete or other material, where the abutters will pay one half of the expense thereof.

ART. 6. To see if the town will make an appropriation to meet the expense of removing snow from the highways.

ART. 7. To see if the town will make an appropriation to pay State aid the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see if the town will make an appropriation to complete the alterations and improvements on Waltham Street, near Grape-vine Corner, as contracted for.

ART. 9. To see if the town will make an appropriation to meet contingent expenses the ensuing year, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 10. To see if the town will make an appropriation to pay the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes the balance of the salary due him for the year 1884.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes the current year, the same to be paid directly from the proceeds of said taxes, or act in any manner relating thereto.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to assess the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to pay for a public watering-trough, to be located at the junction of Main and Middle Streets, as granted Nov. 4, 1884.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, at Lexington, this first day of May, A. D. 1885.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,	
WALTER BLODGETT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Lexington.</i>

A true copy.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable.*

LEXINGTON, May 7, 1885.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town as therein directed, by posting a copy of this warrant duly attested in the post-offices and other public places in each village, and by leaving a duly attested copy with each family in the town three days before the time of said meeting.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington.*

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk*.

LEXINGTON, May 11, 1885.

In pursuance of the foregoing warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk, and the warrant and the return of the constable thereon was read, and under

ARTICLE 1, *Voted*, That the moderator be chosen by ballot, and that the polls remain open five minutes. On ballot it was found that twenty votes had been cast for moderator, nineteen of which were for Mr. A. E. Scott, who was declared elected and was sworn by the clerk.

ART. 2. Mr. Geo. W. Robinson, of the Committee on the Almshouse Alteration, called for the reading of the record in relation to the same, which was read. Mr. Robinson opposed the expenditure of so much money as was granted, at the present time, and thought a much less sum would put the house in comfortable condition. Mr. Webster Smith, of the committee, coincided with Mr. Robinson, and after some discussion, it was

Voted, That in the opinion of the voters present, it is inexpedient to make the repairs on the almshouse, for which the sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated at the last meeting, and that the committee to whom the matter was intrusted be requested not to carry out the instructions of said meeting.

ART. 3. This article was laid on the table and subsequently taken up, when the moderator vacated the chair, and took the floor and explained in regard to the debt of the town, which must be paid by the year 1895 by statute law, and advocated the division of so much of the debt as is owed to the Commonwealth into ten payments, one to be paid annually; and the town

Voted, That the town Treasurer be authorized and instructed to arrange with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth for the payment of so much of the town debt as is held by the Commonwealth, in such manner that said indebtedness may be paid in ten years by annual payments, on the most favorable adjustment of the interest that he may make, and that he be authorized to give the notes of

the town, one payable each year for ten years, in as nearly equal payments as is practicable in exchange for the notes of the town, now held by the Commonwealth.

The above vote was adopted without a dissenting voice.

ART. 4. The Clerk reported that two of the persons chosen field drivers at the April meeting refused to qualify, and the town chose George M. Litchfield and George H. Reed to fill said vacancies.

ART. 5. *Voted*, To hear a statement from the Town Treasurer in regard to the financial condition of the town on Feb. 1, 1885, and on April 15, 1885, in which he claimed that the vote of the town at the meeting of April 15, in turning all unexpended balances existing at that time into the treasury, left certain grants for which money had been appropriated, but not wholly expended, without any funds to complete the work: also that more money had been voted from the treasury by upwards of \$700 than the treasury would have when all the balances had been turned into it. Mr. Webster [Smith replied to Mr. West, and claimed that all contracts already made would have to be paid from the funds now on hand, for which appropriations had been made, and that there would money enough flow into the treasury during the current year from various sources to pay all expenses authorized, and that there would be a surplus left at the end of the financial year, and hoped that the town would stand by its action on April 15, 1885.

On motion of Mr. F. E. Ballard, it was

Voted, That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be appropriated and assessed to construct sidewalks with concrete or other material where the abutters will pay one half of the expense thereof.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be taken from the sum already appropriated for highways, for the purpose of removing snow.

ART. 7. *Voted*, That the amount necessary to pay State aid be paid from any unexpended money in the treasury.

ART. 8. *Voted*, That the article be indefinitely postponed.

ART. 9. *Voted*, That all unused and unappropriated moneys falling into the treasury during the year be constituted a contingent fund from which the Selectmen may draw for the payment of any expense not provided for.

ART. 10. *Voted*, That the Selectmen be instructed to pay the balance due the Treasurer from money in the treasury.

ART. 11. *Voted*, That the town authorize its Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes the current year, the same to be paid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

ART. 12. *Voted*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), granted for a public watering-trough to be located at the junction of Main and Middle Streets, at the meeting held Nov. 4, 1884, be assessed the present year.

The meeting was then declared dissolved.

A true record.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk*.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

TUESDAY, Nov. 3, 1885.

TO WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington, Greeting*:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, the third day of November, A. D. 1885, at 3.30 P. M., to act on the following articles, namely: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of town ways near Bloomfield Street, on the petition of John L. Norris and fifty-four others, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue that portion of the

county road called Grove Street, from Farm Meadow Brook to Bedford line.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Lexington, this fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1885.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,	
WALTER BLODGETT.	

} *of*
} *Lexington.*

A true copy.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable.*

LEXINGTON, Oct. 27, 1885.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, as therein directed, by posting a duly attested copy of this warrant in two public places in each village, and by leaving a duly attested copy with each family in the town seven days before said meeting.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington.*

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

Pursuant to the above warrant, the meeting was called to order at the time specified therein, and the warrant and the return of the constable thereon was read by the Clerk, and the business of the meeting proceeded as follows:—

ARTICLE 1. *Voted*, That a moderator be chosen by nomination from the floor, and Mr. A. E. Scott was so nominated and chosen.

ART. 2. The Committee on Improving the Common made a report (Reports of Committees, p. 235), which was read by Rev. C. A. Staples, the chairman, and plans showing the proposed improvements were shown, and, on motion of Mr. George W. Robinson, it was

Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted and the recommendations be adopted, and that the sum of fifteen hundred

dollars (\$1,500) be appropriated to carry out the plans of said committee.

Voted, That the same committee be authorized to carry out the plans proposed.

Mr. Cornelius Wellington declined to further serve on the committee ; and on motion of Mr. Luke W. Wright, Mr. L. A. Saville was chosen in place of Mr. Wellington on said committee.

ART. 3. Two reports were made under this article, the majority report being signed by Messrs. Joseph F. Simonds and Robert M. Lawrence, and the minority report by Mr. Walter Blodgett (Reports of Committees, p. 242). After some discussion, on motion of Mr. B. F. Brown, it was

Voted, That the majority report be accepted and its recommendations be adopted, and that the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) be appropriated to carry out the design of the report.

ART. 4. The chairman of the Selectmen made an explanation of the matter, and moved that the Selectmen be authorized to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue said street. After some debate it was

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed not to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue said street, as specified in the article.

Voted, That the meeting be dissolved.

A true record.

Attest : LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk*.

WARRANT FOR A TOWN MEETING.

DEC. 3, 1885.

To WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Lexington, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the third day of December, A. D. 1885, at 7 P. M., to act on the following articles, namely:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To hear the report of any committee that may be ready to report, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the town will make an appropriation to provide for heating, finishing and furnishing the new addition to the High Schoolhouse, and for making necessary repairs on the old part of the building.

ART. 4. To determine how the money appropriated at the meeting held Nov. 3, 1885, for the improvement on the Common and for building the new streets off Bloomfield Street, shall be provided.

ART. 5. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the payment of one or more additional police officers.

ART. 6. To see if the town will change the name of Clark Street to Parker Street.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Lexington, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. 1885.

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,	
WALTER BLODGETT,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Lexington.</i>

A true copy.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable.*

LEXINGTON, Dec. 2, 1885.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Lexington, as therein directed, by posting a duly attested copy of this warrant in the post-offices and other public places in each village, and by leaving a duly attested copy with each family in the town seven days before the time of said meeting.

Attest: WALTER WELLINGTON, *Constable of Lexington.*

A true copy of the warrant and the return of the constable thereon.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

LEXINGTON, Dec. 3, 1885.

The meeting called by the foregoing notification was called to order by the Town Clerk at the time appointed, and the warrant and the return of the constable thereon was read, and the following action was taken : —

ARTICLE 1. *Voted*, That a moderator be chosen by nomination, and Mr. A. E. Scott was so nominated and chosen.

ART. 2. *Voted*, That the article be laid on the table. It was subsequently taken up, but no committee being ready to report, it was passed over.

ART. 3. *Voted*, That the town appropriate the sum of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$775) for the purpose of heating and furnishing the addition to the High School building, to arrange and equip a laboratory, and to make necessary repairs.

Voted, That the town authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow the above amount, appropriated for the High School, in anticipation of the taxes of 1886, the same to be repaid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

ART. 4. *Voted*, That so much of the article as relates to the improvement of the Common be postponed to the March meeting.

Voted, That the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) be appropriated to build the new streets off Bloomfield Street.

Voted, That the town authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to borrow the above sum in anticipation of the taxes of 1886, the same to be repaid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

ART. 5. After considerable discussion, on motion of Mr. M. H. Merriam, the town

Voted, That the sum of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) be appropriated to provide the town with a competent police force, in anticipation of the taxes of 1886, the same to be repaid directly from the proceeds of said taxes.

Voted, That the Selectmen be instructed to employ as many men as they may deem proper as said police force, and that men so employed shall engage in no other business while so employed, but devote their whole time to the interests of the town.

ART. 6. *Voted*, That Clark Street be extended in a westerly direction to the angle on Parker Street near the house of Mr. Woodward, so that Clark Street shall run from Main Street to said angle, and that Parker Street shall run from said angle in a northerly direction to Monument Street.

Voted, That the meeting be dissolved.

A true record.

Attest: LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

In compliance with the requirements of the law, we herewith respectfully submit to the citizens of Lexington a report of our doings during the past year.

TOWN RECORDS.

We have caused the town records for the year, as prepared by the Town Clerk, to be printed and incorporated with this report. We believe that this will prove of great convenience to the citizens, as a means of ready reference, affording authentic information in regard to all matters which have been acted upon in town meetings. In our opinion, the records should hereafter be printed annually in this form.

FINANCES.

As required by the town by-laws, we have made quarterly examinations of the Treasurer's accounts, and have found them correct. In the expenditure of the town's money, it has been our aim to exercise a reasonable economy, and to meet in full all just obligations, while contesting claims whose validity seemed doubtful. In the reports of the town Treasurer and Auditors will be found full and detailed information concerning the receipts and expenditures, the town debt, and all matters pertaining to the finances.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The Town Hall building is in fairly good condition. The only expenditures thereon have been for ordinary repairs. Village Hall has been newly shingled; the interior of the hall needs painting and whitewashing, and the plastering should also be repaired. The improvements on the High School building have been under the supervision of a special committee appointed by the town. Since the expiration of the term of their appointment, the School Committee have assumed the oversight of the work, at our request.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

In compliance with Chap. 298 and Sect. 14 of the Acts of 1884, George O. Smith was appointed a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters for three years, from May 1, 1885. Leonard G. Babcock was appointed for two years from the same date in place of Augustus E. Scott, resigned. The other members of the Board are Bradley C. Whitcher, whose term expires the present year, and Leonard A. Saville, who is clerk of the Board by virtue of his office of Town Clerk.

The compensation of the Board has been fixed by us at \$100.

HIGHWAYS.

It has been our endeavor to maintain the highways in reasonably good condition, and to expend judiciously the amount placed at our disposal. The men

and teams in the employ of the town have been kept almost constantly occupied, while the weather permitted. The work has consisted chiefly in making repairs where they were most needed.

The improvement of Waltham Street, near Grapevine Corner, has been completed by the contractors, Messrs. D. Ellis & Co., of Woburn. The County Commissioners have issued an order requiring the town to straighten and widen this street between Concord Avenue and the Waltham line, in conformity with a plan prepared by their surveyor, the work to be completed before July 1st, 1886. The work of laying concrete sidewalks has been continued, chiefly on Main Street in East Lexington. In response to a petition of George H. Emery and others, for the acceptance of Stetson Street as a town way, we gave a hearing to the parties interested on April 2d, and afterwards reported in favor of granting said petition. Our report was accepted by the town, and an appropriation of \$150 was voted. Shortly thereafter the work of grading and laying out said street was performed under our direction.

We are of the opinion that the public safety and convenience demand the widening of Middle Street, between Bryant's Corner and Spring Street.

On Jan. 22d, 1886, we attended a hearing before the County Commissioners at the house of C. L. Waite, in Bedford, in regard to a petition for a new road between that town and Lexington, passing through Tophet Swamp. In view of the fact that about seven eighths of the proposed road would lie within our

town limits, and that our share of the expense would be proportionately large, we vigorously opposed the project.

Owing to the increasing and manifold responsibilities devolving on the Board of Selectmen, in their various capacities, we would respectfully recommend the choice by the town for the coming year of a Superintendent of Streets, who shall have the entire care of the highways and all matters thereto pertaining, and shall devote his time and attention exclusively to that work.

STREET LIGHTS.

A contract was made with the Lexington Gas Light Company to furnish gas for the street lights for one year from April 1st, at the rate of sixty-eight dollars per month, the number of lights supplied not to exceed eighty-five. John Ryan was appointed lamplighter, and his compensation was fixed at one dollar and seventeen cents a night. A contract was made with J. T. Kauffman for the care of the street lamps in East Lexington, including the supply of oil for the same, at the rate of twenty-seven dollars per month. Several additional street lights have been established, including three on Oakland Street and two on Merriam Street. We believe that it will be wise for the town to purchase iron lamp-posts wherewith gradually to replace the wooden ones, as they may become worn out. The slight increase in cost will be more than offset by the greater durability of the iron posts.

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES.

The law requires that there shall be, once in every five years, a perambulation of the boundary lines between adjoining towns, by two or more of the Selectmen of each town, or such substitutes as they may in writing appoint for that purpose. We have personally performed this duty and have inspected the boundary-stones in company with the authorities of the eight neighboring towns, and have found them generally in good condition.

CONSTABLES AND POLICE.

At the annual March meeting Walter Wellington was elected constable. In the month of April we appointed Herbert G. Worth a police officer, for night service, and he has continued to act in that capacity. Walter Wellington and John Chisholm were appointed special police officers, without pay, for one year from April 1st. In the winter of 1884-5, the authorities of the towns of Belmont, Burlington, Wayland, Weston, and Lexington met at the office of the Mayor of Waltham, for the purpose of taking concerted action in an endeavor to detect and bring to justice the parties guilty of numerous thefts of poultry in their respective towns. It was decided to employ special detectives, and we pledged fifty dollars as, in our judgment, Lexington's fair proportion of the whole expense. On Nov. 15th or 16th, the Warren Schoolhouse was entered and many school

books were destroyed. Other property belonging to the town was wantonly injured. We offered a reward of \$200 for the detection and conviction of the persons concerned in this outrage. Six weeks later the culprits were discovered, and, to the surprise of all, proved to be young girls. One of their number was sentenced by Judge Keyes to the State Industrial School for girls at Lancaster during her minority. The others were discharged on the payment of costs by their parents.

Owing to the increasing number of burglaries and various minor transgressions of the law, the town voted, at a special meeting held Dec. 3, 1885, to appropriate eighteen hundred dollars for the payment of one or more *additional* police officers.

Acting under this vote, we appointed Albert M. Davis and Henry E. Bishop, for three months from Dec. 12th, at the rate of two dollars and a half per day. Both men were highly recommended, and have each had several years' experience on the Boston police force. Although engaged chiefly as night patrol, they are at all hours in the service of the town, and ready to respond to any call.

The whole number of arrests for the year is thirty-eight, and the causes are as follows: Assault and battery, twelve ; breaking and entering, eight ; larceny, five ; disturbing the peace, five ; adultery, two ; malicious mischief, one ; illegal sale of liquor, one ; fraud, one ; idiocy, one ; insanity, one ; embezzlement, one. The whole number of tramps furnished with lodgings is one hundred and fifty-six.

LIQUOR LICENSES.

The vote of the town this year being in favor of license, we have granted licenses of the first class for the sale of intoxicating liquors to the proprietors of the Monument and Centennial Houses, at a fee of three hundred dollars each.

GUIDE-BOARDS.

Many of the guide-boards and posts have been freshly painted during the past year, and they are generally in good condition.

LEXINGTON WATER COMPANY.

In the month of August, 1884, this company began laying its pipes in our streets, and since that time about six miles of main pipe have been introduced. Forty-six hydrants have been placed in position. Nearly two hundred families are now supplied with water. Two watering troughs have also been provided, one at the east end of the Common, and the other at Bryant's Corner, in East Lexington. The former is a gift from Mr. Moses Joy, Jr. The town has now an abundant supply of pure water, which issues from the fissures of the ledge, at a depth of twenty-eight feet below the surface, in the meadows to the south of the pumping station.

ALMSHOUSE AND OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The number of inmates at the almshouse, April 1, 1885, was twelve. Two have since died: Nehemiah

Harrington, aged 77, and Thomas Logan, aged 17. Ella Rolfe was sent April 8, at her own request, to her former home, and her board and travelling expenses have since been paid in full by her relatives.

Daniel Kennedy went away of his own accord, March 21. There remain at present eight inmates. Their health has been generally good, and they appear to be contented. We feel that we were fortunate in securing the services of the present Superintendent and Matron, who have performed their duties in a faithful and acceptable manner. Our thanks are tendered to the Reverend Messrs. Staples and Porter for conducting religious services at the almshouse during the summer, and also to the ladies who consented to act as trustees of the Gammell Fund. We appointed Dr. Howland Holmes, Town Physician, for one year from April 1, 1885, at a salary of \$50. The Town Farm contains twenty acres, all in good condition. A large portion of the land is well adapted to the raising of hay. In the autumn four acres were seeded to grass. For the past two years we have purchased large quantities of manure in Cambridge at a nominal price, and at times when the horses would otherwise be idle have employed them in its transportation. The result is very apparent in the increased productiveness of the crops on the farm. Last year the barn was filled to the top with hay of good quality, several tons of which will be for sale. One hundred and thirty-two bushels of ears of corn were harvested from three quarters of an acre. A good crop of potatoes was obtained from two acres, besides an abundant

supply of other vegetables for the use of the inmates. Much labor has been expended in the removal of rocks, so that a mowing machine can now be used to advantage, and we recommend the purchase of one for the ensuing year. We have disposed of most of the hogs, believing the keeping of them in large numbers to be a poor investment. The piggery has been remodelled, and one portion is now used for poultry, another as a work-shop, while a third is utilized as a granary. The exterior has been clapboarded, and windows have been put in. This was effected at a trifling expense, the work having been performed by one of the inmates.

We have devoted considerable time to the investigation of the cases of persons claiming assistance from the town by reason of settlements alleged to have been acquired here. This portion of our work is often difficult, and demands not only a knowledge of the laws relating to settlements, but also an acquaintance with the practical working of those laws, which is gained only by experience.

The total amount expended for out-door relief is	\$868 63
Less amount received	\$141 10
Number of persons aided	13
Number of weeks board furnished at almshouse	642
Total expenses at almshouse	\$2,501 50
Less amount received	\$604 54

IN CONCLUSION.

The past year has been, in the main, a prosperous one. The prospect for the future is full of promise. Evidences of growth and development are to be seen

in the increased valuation, amounting now to nearly three million dollars, in the gain in population (present number over twenty-seven hundred), and in the activity in building operations.

Unless all signs fail, it is probable that more dwelling-houses will be built in Lexington the coming season than in any previous single year in her history.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,	{	<i>Selectmen</i>
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,		<i>of</i>
WALTER BLODGETT,		<i>Lexington.</i>

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31. 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Contagious diseases among children have been somewhat prevalent during the past season. There has been no epidemic, however, the cases being pretty evenly distributed throughout the year. In April last the Board caused printed notices to be posted, calling the attention of householders and physicians to Chap. 98 of the Acts of 1884, having reference to the prompt reporting of cases of the above-mentioned class of diseases. Since that time eleven cases of scarlet fever and seven of diphtheria have been reported. We have made it a rule to visit every house where such cases have occurred, investigating the drainage and other possible causes of sickness, and where necessary we have required the owners to put their premises in proper sanitary condition.

We have received several petitions for the abatement of nuisances. These latter have usually been due to the noxious odors arising from deposits of swill or slaughter-house offal, and the parties concerned have promptly abated the nuisances on the receipt of a written order, served on them by us according to law. In other cases where complaints have been received, we have declined to adjudicate that a nuisance really existed.

In the month of August five valuable cows belonging to the Messrs. Parker died within twenty-four hours. At our request, the commissioner on contagious diseases among domestic animals visited the premises and examined the viscera. In his report submitted to us, he stated that the cause of death was not to be attributed to contagious disease, but to poisonous ingredients in the animals' food.

Owing to the prevalence of small-pox in Canada and to the appearance of isolated cases of the disease in neighboring towns, we deemed it prudent to provide facilities for free public vaccination, and in the month of October sixty-nine persons, mostly school-children, were vaccinated free of charge by the physicians of the town. A large proportion of these children had never before been vaccinated. In about one half of all cases the operation was successful, and in those who were vaccinated for the first time the proportion was much larger.

The introduction of a supply of pure water is a positive benefit in a sanitary point of view, and Lexington, with all her natural advantages, ought to maintain a high position as one of the most healthful towns in the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,	} <i>Board of</i>
ROBERT M. LAWRENCE,	
WALTER BLODGETT,	
	<i>Health of</i>
	<i>Lexington.</i>

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1886.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.

TAX OF 1884.

Amount uncollected Feb. 1, 1885	\$4,341 63	
Amount collected		\$4,181 43
Amount of abatements		123 28
Balance uncollected		36 92
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	\$4,341 63	\$4,341 63

TAX OF 1885.

List for 1885	\$32,636 96	
Supplementary list	4 50	
Amount collected		\$27,113 17
Amount allowed for prompt payment		275 60
Amount of abatements		1,023 31
Balance uncollected		4,229 38
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	\$32,641 46	\$32,641 46

CHARLES T. WEST, *Collector.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Town Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1886: —

	Receipts.	Payments.
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1885	\$3,009 93	
Removing snow		\$87 50
Sexton		37 75
Interest	190 91	2,504 70
State aid	376 00	308 00
Stetson Street		131 19
Waltham Street		217 78
Survey of Common		100 00
Memorial day		95 05
State tax		2,175 00
County tax		1,479 10
Highway department	407 75	3,703 04
Fire department	13 20	1,322 28
Pauper department	604 54	2,501 50
Outside poor department	141 10	868 63
School department	383 08	10,463 20
Contingent department	3,090 74	2,209 81
Constable and police		977 41
Repairs on Cary Library		33 48
Highway railings		79 05
Auditors		45 00
Assessors		419 25
Selectmen		800 00
Treasurer and Collector		400 00
Town Clerk		100 00

Janitors of Town and Village Halls		\$475 04
Street lights		1,401 94
Furnishing High Schoolhouse		732 59
Cemetery department	\$195 00	234 07
Historical tablets		6 45
Taxes for 1885	27,113 17	
Gammell legacy	35 00	68 57
Sidewalks	405 74	893 30
Temporary loans	10,000 00	8,000 00
Dog tax	404 49	404 49
Taxes for 1884	4,181 43	
Ringling bells		70 00
Printing		213 35
Town and Village Hall (fuel and lights)		482 25
Town debt		1,000 00
Reading-room (East Lexington)		260 00
Watering trough		103 65
Village Hall (repairs)		140 00
New hose (fire department)		996 40
High School addition	20 00	1,818 50
School Committee		300 00
Treasurer of Cary Library		50 00
New catalogue of Cary Library		397 50
Librarian of Cary Library		412 00
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1886		1,053 26
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	\$50,572 08	\$50,572 08

CHARLES T. WEST, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1886.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

The Town Treasurer herewith respectfully submits a statement of the present debt of the town. In accordance with a vote of the town, passed in May last, directing the Treasurer to make a readjustment of that portion of the town's indebtedness held by the Commonwealth, in such a manner that a portion of the same could be paid off each year, on the best terms that could be obtained, the following arrangement has been made:—

The town was owing to the Commonwealth several notes, amounting to twenty-five thousand dollars, bearing six per cent interest, all of which would become due in 1890, and the best terms upon which the State Treasurer was willing to readjust this amount was upon a basis of four per cent, which was finally agreed upon.

By these terms the premium on twenty-five thousand dollars, having five years to run, amounted to twenty-one hundred dollars, and the State Treasurer gave the town the option to pay off this amount or add the same to the debt. While it seemed very desirable that this should be paid, instead of increasing the debt to that amount, no appropriation was made for this purpose, and the only available funds were one thousand dollars appropriated and assessed in 1884 for the payment of town debt; and although there was no direct vote of the town authorizing its use at

this time, it seemed to me a proper and legitimate use of the money, as this was the purpose for which it was raised, and it was then lying idle in the treasury and could be used only for the specific purpose for which it was assessed. Therefore, after consulting with the Selectmen, and with their approval, one thousand dollars was paid of the twenty-one hundred, thus reducing the amount of premium to be added to the debt to eleven hundred dollars, and making the present amount of the town's indebtedness to the Commonwealth twenty-six thousand one hundred dollars, bearing interest at four per cent per annum, instead of six per cent as formerly.

This amount is divided in ten notes, the first of which, of twenty-seven hundred dollars, will become due Dec. 1, 1886.

The other nine notes are each for twenty-six hundred dollars, and are payable, one in each year after 1886, on the first day of December, the last becoming due in 1895.

Below will be found a tabulated statement of the entire debt.

DATE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	INTEREST.
1885.				
Sept. 1.	State Treasurer,	Dec. 1, 1886,	\$2,700,	4 per ct.
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1887,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1888,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1889,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1890,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1891,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1892,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1893,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1894,	2,600,	4 “
Sept. 1.	“ “	Dec. 1, 1895,	2,600,	4 “

1871.

Feb. 28, Treasurer of Cary

Library, Feb. 28, 1887, \$5,000, 6 per ct.

1883.

March 31, Treasurer of Cary

Library, March 31, 1893, 6,000, 6 “

1881.

April 8, Treasurer of Bridge

Fund, Demand, 2,000, 6 “

1874.

July 23, Trust fund Gammell

legacy, 500, 7 “

1885.

Jan. 1, L. W. Wright, Treas-

urer Cemetery Fund, 2,250, 6 “

1886.

Jan. 28, State Treasurer, July 28, 1886, 2,000 3½ “

Total,	<u>2,000</u>	
	\$43,850	

CHARLES T. WEST, *Town Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, Jan. 31, 1886.

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

Total amount of fund, \$2,250.

	RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1885 . . .	\$206 08	
John Winning, heirs, Lot 47 . . .	18 00	\$16 50
J. B. Smith, Est. " 69 . . .	6 00	4 50
Eliab Brown, " 29 . . .	9 00	7 00
Mrs. O. A. Dodge, " 30 . . .	6 00	3 00
Nathan Fessenden, " 73 . . .	9 00	6 00
Almira M. Chandler, " 92 . . .	6 00	4 50
Marshall L. Locke, " 37 . . .	6 00	4 50
Charles Hudson, Est. " 16 . . .	9 00	6 50
J. B. Simonds, old cemetery . . .	24 00	15 00
Mrs. A. Buttrick, Lot 105 . . .	12 00	7 50
Caira Robbins, East Lexington . . .	18 00	
Mary Wells Merrill, old cemetery . . .	6 00	3 00
Adeline R. Parker, Lot 152 . . .	6 00	3 00
Balance unexpended . . .		260 08
	\$341 08	\$341 08

L. W. WRIGHT,
Treasurer for the Trustees.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Whole number of births, from Jan. 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886, 35.
Males, 15 ; females, 20. American parentage, 20 ; foreign parentage, 10 ; mixed parentage, 5.

MARRIAGES.

Marriages registered in Lexington from Jan 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886. Whole number, 25 ; both parties American, 15 ; both parties foreign, 4 ; American and foreign, 6.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1885.		
Jan. 28 . .	Theodore E. Sleeper . . Evelyn Page Flint . .	Woburn. Lexington.
Feb. 20 . .	William J. Gorman . . Edith Fairweather . .	Lexington. Lexington.
May 17 . .	Loring A. Thomas . . Etta Jefferson . .	Stoneham. Lexington.
June 4 . .	William R. Munroe . . Helen H. Gookin . .	Lexington. Lexington.
June 5 . .	William Taylor Wilson . . Margaret S. Murphy . .	Lexington. Lexington.
June 18 . .	Frank Dalrymple Brown . . Harriet May Prosser . .	Lexington. West Newton.
June 30 . .	Frank Hughes . . Mary Devine . .	Lexington. Lexington.
July 2 . .	James P. Munroe . . Katherine W. Langdon . .	Lexington. Boston.
July 2 . .	Charles T. Howard . . Jane M. Welch . .	Brookline. Brookline.
Aug. 25 . .	Arthur W. L. Nelson . . Minna F. Chapin . .	Rindge, N. H. . Lexington.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1885.		
Sept. 6 . . .	John E. Wilson . . . Emma F. Gough . . .	East Lexington. Arlington.
Sept. 9 . . .	Albert A. Nourse . . . Annie E. Chambers . . .	Lexington. Burlington.
Sept. 9 . . .	Patrick Flynn . . . Caroline Jefferson . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Sept. 16 . . .	David Roach . . . Ellen Donovan . . .	Gardner, Mass. Lexington.
Oct. 14 . . .	William J. Neville . . . Sarah F. Lyons . . .	Lexington. Concord.
Oct. 15 . . .	Charles C. Mann . . . Gracie M. Parker . . .	Lexington. Stoneham.
Oct. 27 . . .	Dudley R. Whitney . . . Grace Constance Mills . . .	Brooklyn, N. Y. Lexington.
Oct. 29 . . .	Francis W. Reed . . . Nellie C. Mahigen . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 11 . . .	John T. Scott . . . Blanche Isabelle Meleny . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 19 . . .	Benjamin F. Scott . . . Mary L. Crowley . . .	Lexington. Cambridge.
Nov. 21 . . .	Manuel Alfred Leal . . . Mary Murray . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 26 . . .	Patrick Mulvey . . . Bridget McDonough . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Nov. 26 . . .	Fred. E. Gleason . . . Sarah L. Upton . . .	Lexington. Lowell.
Nov. 28 . . .	Joseph Kenefick . . . Margaret Miller . . .	Lexington. Lexington.
Dec. 22 . . .	Charles Tenney . . . Mary Elizabeth Kelly . . .	Chester, N. H. Atkinson, N. H.

DEATHS

Recorded in Lexington, from Jan. 1, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886.

DATE. 1885.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.	BIRTHPLACE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.		
Jan. 9	Thomas Gorman	32	...	...	Accident	Nova Scotia.
" 12	Patrick H. Fitzpatrick...	17	5	19	Violence	Lexington.
" 19	David Hall	69	3	19	Softening of Brain.	Walpole, N. H.
" 19	William E. Jones	36	7	...	Heart Disease	E. Cambridge, Mass.
" 22	Enoch Hsley	84	5	14	Old Age	Portland, Me.
Feb. 2	Harriet J. Seamans	68	6	...	Paralysis	Ashby.
" 11	Bridget Gorman	21	...	...	Consumption	Ireland.
" 16	Elizabeth S. Martin	73	...	...	Old Age	Salem.
Mar. 2	Maria E. D. Bacon	40	1	...	Lung Fever	W. Concord, N. H.
" 9	Patrick Vaughan	29	...	...	Peritonitis	Ireland.
" 10	Charles Adair	58	1	11	Paralysis	"
" 14	Ellen McDonald	52	...	...	Congest'n of Lungs	"
" 18	Catherine McNamara	56	3	21	Pneumonia	"
Apr. 4	Mary Mooney	6	8	16	Scarlet Fever	Lexington.
" 15	Edgar L. Gosson	11	11	19	Diphtheria	"
" 27	Richard H. Hooper	62	11	5	Pernicious Anæmia	Charlestown.
May 8	Oliver W. Kendall	79	8	...	Scirrhus	Ashby.
" 9	Annie E. Nourse	9	2	25	Scarlatina Nephritis	Arlington.
" 18	Nehemiah Harrington	77	...	...	Paralysis	Lexington.
" 21	Oliver Brown	67	10	...	Paralysis	"
" 27	Samuel A. Fairweather	63	...	...	Nervous Prostration	St. John, N. B.
June 13	John K. Hanscom	63	11	...	Gang. Erysipelas ..	Meredith, N. H.
July 6	Charlotte Grey Tower	34	4	24	Pericarditis	Cambridge.
" 7	John Manley	15	5	19	Unk'n. No autopsy	Lexington.
" 10	Mary B. Brown	70	10	...	Cancer	Kingston, N. H.
" 14	Percy M. Kirkland	16	9	...	Consumption	Charlestown.
Aug. 3	James Donovan	1	1	11	Cholera Infantum ..	Lexington.
" 5	Kate Savage	26	1	...	Consumption	"
" 9	George Stearns	67	9	6	Cancer	"
" 17	Joshua B. Fowle	88	2	...	Old Age	Boston.
" 24	Benjamin Muzzey	18	11	5	Acc. Drowning	Lexington.
Sept. 17	Fannie Holoway	4	2	...	Scarlet Fever	"
" 25	Henry A. Wellington	46	2	...	Bright's Disease	"
Oct. 16	William H. Holoway	7	...	...	Scarlet Fever	"
Nov. 2	Rose B. Wilkins	54	8	28	Cancer	Boston.
" 25	Mary A. Ryan	46	8	...	Apoplexy	Ireland.
Dec. 2	Nathaniel L. Hedge	69	11	...	Paralysis	Plymouth, Mass.
" 19	Susan L. Smith	63	6	11	Pneumonia	Winterport, Me.

Whole number of deaths 38 |Number of Males 23 |Number of Females 15 |

— 38

Number over 60 years of age 15 |Number under 10 years of age 5 |

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

During the year there were eleven fires and alarms as follows: —

April 7. Barn on East Street owned by Jeremiah Crowley. Cause of fire unknown. The barn with most of the contents, including a valuable horse, was destroyed. This fire occurred about 11 o'clock P. M. There was no alarm. Value of property destroyed \$1,000; insured for \$400.

April 10. Alarm for fire in woodland in the northerly part of the town, owned by H. L. Simonds. Responded to by the department from the Centre. The fire was extinguished before they reached the scene.

April 20. Unoccupied house in rear of Centennial Hotel at East Lexington, owned by the heirs of Silas Cutler. Cause, incendiary. The building, which was of little value, was entirely destroyed. The whole department turned out.

April 23. Fire in woods at East Lexington. Responded to by the department at East Lexington.

April 25. False alarm.

July 17. Alarm caused by a burning chimney in house occupied by P. Reardon, on Waltham Street.

No damage. The department at the Centre was present, but their service was not required.

July 29. Fire at house of Dr. Raymond, on Bloomfield Street, caused by lightning. The alarm was promptly answered by the entire department, but the fire was extinguished before their arrival. Loss, \$200.

Sept. 5. Fire in building on Main Street, occupied by G. Berger, upholsterer, and Messrs. Whitcher and Muzzey for storage of lumber; the fire occurred about 3 P. M., and the whole building was in flames when first discovered, but with the abundant supply of water from the hydrants, the firemen were enabled to subdue the flames before they reached the surrounding buildings. This was the first time the department had occasion to use the new water supply, and its value was highly appreciated. There was no insurance on the buildings. Mr. Berger's stock was insured for \$450, which nearly covered his loss. Messrs. Whitcher and Muzzey estimated their loss at \$600. Amount of insurance received, \$540. The cause of this fire was supposed to be spontaneous combustion of articles in Mr. Berger's room.

Sept. 25. Barn on Concord Avenue, in the south-westerly part of town, owned by Chas. S. Bruce. Cause unknown. Total loss. Insured for \$800. No alarm.

Dec. 17. Fire in barn occupied by a Mr. Curran on Main Street, East Lexington, near Arlington

line. Extinguished without an alarm. Damage slight.

The apparatus of the department is in good repair; the buildings are in nearly as good condition as last year. The houses in both villages have been fitted for the introduction of water, which at East Lexington has been a great convenience.

With the \$1,000 appropriated for the purchase of hose and hose carriages, we were able to procure a sufficient amount of cotton hose of excellent quality, which was guaranteed to stand more pressure than will ever be used here, and with proper care will last a number of years.

A wagon for transportation of hose and supplies, which meets all requirements perfectly, has been procured for the centre of the town; for East Lexington a regular hose carriage was purchased; these, together with needed supplies to be used in connection with the water service, were all included in the \$1,000 special appropriation.

After the hydrants had been accepted by the Selectmen, the Engineers called out a part of the department to test the same, the general result of which was satisfactory, and we think the tank pressure sufficient to throw water on any building within reach of the hydrants. The trial at East Lexington was very satisfactory.

In regard to the organization of the fire department and the number of men employed, we would say that in order to protect that part of the town

not reached by the water pipes, we do not think it wise to abolish any of the companies, or in any way reduce the number of men in them. For that part of the town in the water district we would have the Engineers organize from the companies now existing a hose company of picked men for each village, these men to be thoroughly drilled in their duties, and then the hydrants could be used to the best advantage. This could be done without detriment to the department, and would save the organization of two distinct hose companies, which would involve quite an extra expense.

The running expenses for the year have been quite small, and for the coming year an appropriation of \$1,300 will be needed to keep the department in its present good condition.

EVERETT S. LOCKE,	}	<i>Engineers</i>
HENRY R. EARL,		<i>of</i>
GEO. L. PIERCE,		<i>Fire Department.</i>

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARY LIBRARY.

The whole number of volumes now in the library is 9,998. The number added during the year is 577, of which 175, or one fourth, were given. The number of volumes taken out during the year is larger than ever, being 29,204, an increase of 69 over the previous year.

The committee in charge of the East Lexington branch, located in the Adams Schoolhouse, report through Miss Dana, their treasurer, as follows :—

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1885	\$11 12
Received from town appropriation	225 00
“ “ friends	8 80
	<hr/> \$244 92
 Paid librarian	 \$183 33
“ for oil, etc.	5 66
“ for magazines	8 80
“ care of furnace in school vacations, cleaning, etc.	13 40
Cash on hand Feb., 1886	33 73
	<hr/> \$244 92

The balance on hand Feb. 1, 1886, is owing to the fact that the reading-room was closed for a few weeks at the beginning of the town year on account of the difficulty in heating the room. The average

day attendance in the reading-room has been six, and the average evening attendance the same. The citizens of that part of the town obtain most of their books from the Cary Library, under the present convenient plan, through Miss Holbrook, the branch librarian, who personally attends to the transfers each week. The Trustees would recommend that the usual sum of \$225 be appropriated for this enterprise the coming year, to be expended by the same committee.

The art collections of the library have received additions as follows:—

From Miss Cary, a copy of Stuart's portrait of Washington, and two framed engravings, "Shakespeare and his Contemporaries," and "Sir Walter Scott and his Literary Friends at Abbotsford."

From Dr. William Hillhouse, of New Haven, Conn., two framed engravings, "Death of Gen. Montgomery," and "The Battle of Bunker's Hill," with the accompanying keys.

From E. G. Porter a twelve-pound shell (U. S. A. Parrott Rifle), found on the battlefield of Bull Run, Aug. 29, 1862, near the railway cut, the position occupied by Stonewall Jackson's corps.

From Mrs. Teresa Wyman, a photograph likeness of her late husband, Francis Wyman, for many years the oldest citizen of Lexington, who died Jan. 14, 1886, aged ninety-six years and nine months.

From the surviving children of the late Benjamin Muzzey, an original portrait of their father, painted by Willard. Benjamin Muzzey was born in Lexing-

ton, Dec. 13, 1796, and died April 21, 1818. He was a grandson of Amos Muzzey, the minute man, whose portrait hangs in our Memorial Hall. He was married June 22, 1822, to Elizabeth Wood, of Newburyport. During the greater part of his life he was prominently connected with town affairs, and was the first president of the Lexington railroad, which was built largely through his influence. Few men have done more to promote the prosperity of the town than Benjamin Muzzey. This excellent portrait is a welcome addition to our gallery. The Trustees can only regret that their facilities for exhibiting such memorials are so limited.

Additional books have been purchased from Mr. Prosser's fund, which is to include another year. Mr. George W. Robinson has given \$50 (double his former annual gifts), which the Trustees have expended in standard books.

The visitors' book shows that 342 strangers have entered their names, representing 19 different States of the Union, besides Canada, England, Scotland, Germany, Turkey, China, Japan.

Books have been given as follows: Levi Prosser, 32 vols.; G. W. Robinson, 30; James Parker, 30; United States Government, 8; Miss Sarah Chandler, 7; G. E. Muzzey, 5; R. C. Winthrop, 4; E. G. Porter, 4; Pennsylvania Historical Society, 3; W. S. Appleton, 3; Town of Lexington, 2; T. C. Amory, 2; and from the following persons one volume each: J. N. Morse, H. M. Grout, S. E. Savage, W. F. Matchett, J. L. Stevenson, William Hillhouse, Miss

E. W. Harrington, S. A. Green, J. J. May, Samuel Wolcott, John Lathrop, R. M. Lawrence, W. A. Courtenay; besides pamphlets, maps, etc., from various persons. Of the books missing during the year only two are unaccounted for.

EDWARD G. PORTER,
for the Trustees.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1886.

CARY LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1885-86.

The treasurer of the Cary Library debits himself as follows: —

Note of town of Lexington, dated Feb. 28, 1871.	\$5,000 00
Note of town of Lexington, dated March 31, 1883	6,000 00
Deposit book Lexington Savings Bank,	384 57
Cash on hand Feb 1, 1885.	172 92
Cash received, dog tax	404 49
“ “ Donation from Geo. W. Robinson, Esq.	50 00
“ “ Interest on town notes	660 00
“ “ Interest on deposits in Lexington Savings Bank.	21 91
“ “ Interest on deposits in N. E. Trust Co.	6 13
“ “ For fines from Librarian	11 92
“ “ For paper furnished schools,	15 88
“ “ From Mr. Staples for book,	25
	————— \$12,728 07
And credits himself with payments for books	\$874 01
On account of expense	65 67
By town notes	11,000 00
By deposit in Lexington Savings Bank	706 48
By cash on hand	81 91
	————— \$12,728 07

GEORGE H. REED, *Treasurer.*

LEXINGTON, JAN. 30, 1886.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GAMMELL LEGACY.

We, as trustees of the Gammell legacy, have but little to communicate in our report for the past year.

There having been but little sickness among the inmates of the Almshouse, our aid in that respect has scarcely been required.

We have consulted the Matron and Overseers of the Poor at different times, relative to the personal needs of those under their charge, and have fulfilled the bequest of the donor as nearly as the circumstances would in our judgment permit.

Our expenditures for the year have been \$69.06, the excess of the year's interest being taken from the unexpended interest of the past years.

MRS. L. M. WHITING.
LUCY N. BLODGETT.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 30, 1886.

BRIDGE CHARITABLE FUND.

The following report is respectfully submitted: —

RECEIPTS.

June 23, 1885, from F. E. Ballard, Treasurer	.	.	\$2,294	77
Interest	.	.	.	87
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Total	.	.	2,295	64

EXPENDITURES.

Aid to sundry persons as per conditions of the Trust	.	\$90	50
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Jan. 30, 1886, balance on hand	.	\$2,205	14
Amount of permanent fund	.	\$2,183	26
Amount available for charitable purposes	.	21	88
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Total	.	2,205	14

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LEXINGTON, JAN. 30, 1886.

Contents of room No. 15	\$8 00
Contents of room No. 16	20 00
Contents of room No. 17	22 00
Contents of sitting room	100 00
Contents of dining room	30 00
Contents of wash room	12 00
Contents of kitchen	72 00
Contents of 2 closets (table crockery)	11 00
1 hemp carpet, \$8 ; 1 carpet, \$2.50 ; 1 carpet, \$3.75	14 25
2 stoves, \$8 ; 4 screen doors, \$8	16 00
20 window screens ; \$5 ; 1 chair, \$5	10 00
1 chest tea, \$16 ; tobacco, \$2.70 ; 2 chests, \$2	20 70
Tinware, \$8 ; churn, \$4 ; ice-chest, \$6	18 00
1 barrel sugar, \$15 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel flour, \$2.25	17 25
Soap, \$1.50 ; spices, \$1.50 ; butter, \$2.25	5 25
Beans, \$3 ; stoneware, \$3.50	6 50
Coal, \$48 ; wood, \$8 ; 1 barrel, 50c.	56 50
Molasses, \$2 ; wash-tubs, \$3	5 00
Cider and barrel, \$4 ; vinegar, \$5	9 00
400 pounds pork, \$40 ; 100 bushels potatoes, \$80	120 00
3 baskets, \$1.50 ; 3 pork barrels, \$4	5 50
3 cider barrels, \$3 ; beets, \$5 ; carrots, \$2.40	10 40
10 barrels apples, \$17.50 ; 100 gallons cider, \$10	27 50
120 pounds ham, \$14.40 ; 6 shoulders, \$5.78	20 18
25 barrels, \$3.75 ; 4 screens, 80c.	4 55
70 pounds lard, \$7 ; cabbage, \$14 ; salt, 50c.	21 50
40 two-quart jars preserves, \$40 ; pickles, \$2	42 00
8 one-quart jars preserves, \$3.20 ; piccalilli, 62	5 20
7 two-quart jars tomatoes	2 10
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	\$2,383 18

GERSHOM SWAN,
 WALTER WELLINGTON,
 FRANCIS E. BALLARD,

} Appraisers.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 30, 1886.

APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AT THE POOR FARM.

In charge of the Surveyors of Highways.

3 snow-ploughs, \$36 ; 1 road-scraper, \$140 . . .	\$176 00
3 horse-carts, \$105 ; 1 wagon, \$20 . . .	125 00
1 evener, whiffletrees and drag . . .	5 00
3 cart saddles, \$35 ; 3 harnesses, \$35 . . .	70 00
2 lead harnesses, \$8 ; 1 harness, \$12 . . .	12 00
1 powder can, 25c. ; 3 stone hammers, \$4 . . .	4 25
Steel drills, \$12 ; 3 plough points, \$4.50 . . .	16 50
Lot tools, \$15 ; chest, \$1 . . .	16 00
1 horse, \$250 ; 1 horse, \$275 . . .	525 00
1 horse, \$325 ; 3 blankets, \$3 . . .	328 00
3 feed bags and 3 halters, . . .	6 00
1 lot grain, \$8 ; 1 grain chest, \$3 . . .	11 00
2 bush scythes, \$2 ; 6 snow shovels, \$3 . . .	5 00
1 road plough . . .	8 00
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	\$1,315 75

GERSHOM SWAN, WALTER WELLINGTON, FRANCIS E. BALLARD,	} <i>Appraisers.</i>
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LEXINGTON, Jan. 30, 1886.

ACCOUNT OF TOWN HISTORIES AND HISTORIES OF THE CENTENNIAL.

Number of Town Histories on hand Jan. 31, 1885	138
Sold during the year	8
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Number on hand Jan. 31, 1886	130
Including 16 bound copies and 23 copies in sheets, in hands of Lee & Shepard, Boston.	
Number of Histories of the Centennial on hand Jan. 31, 1885	191
None disposed of during the last year.	

DOGS

LICENSED IN LEXINGTON, FROM DEC. 1, 1884 TO DEC. 1, 1885.

Whole number licensed	261
Males	235
Females	26
	<hr/>
	261
Amount returned to County Treasurer	\$547 80

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1885, ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN.

March 2, 1885.

Leonard E. Bennink,*	Patrick Ryan,
John F. Hutchinson,	Josiah H. Reed,
George H. Jackson,	Abram B. Smith,
Albert Bradford Smith,*	George O. Smith,
Amos W. Locke,	Gershom Swan,
William Litchfield,	George T. Smith,
George Munroe,	Elijah A. Shaw,
Matthew H. Merriam,	George Stearns,
Patrick Mitchell,	Leonard A. Saville,*
George E. Muzzey,	Henry H. Tyler,
Charles Putnam,	David A. Tuttle,
Nathaniel W. Pierce,	George O. Wellington,
John Morton Reed,	Willard Walcott,*
Moses H. Roberts,	John H. Willard.

* Drawn during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD A. SAVILLE, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1885.

	Resident.	Non-resident.	Total.
Real,	1,927,332	320,917	2,248,249
Personal,	581,321	50,890	632,211
			<u> </u> \$2,880,460

Gain in real estate \$92,610 ; gain in personal \$205,983 ; net gain \$298,593.

AMOUNT OF TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR.

State tax	\$2,175 00
County tax	1,479 10
Town grants	28,290 16
Overlaying	692 70
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								\$32,636 96

Rate of taxation per thousand, \$10.80.

Number of polls	764
“ Dwelling houses	5307
“ Horses	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
“ Cows	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,180
“ Sheep	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	125
“ Swine	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	479
“ Oxen	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Poll taxes	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,528 00
Resident real estate tax	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20,815 17
Non-resident real estate tax	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,465 90
Resident personal estate tax	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,278 28
Non-resident personal estate tax	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	549 61
								<hr/> \$32,636 96

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Town property	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$107,450 00
Church property	.	.	.	.	.	.	52,200 00

JOSEPH F. SIMONDS,
WALTER WELLINGTON,
HORACE B. DAVIS,

} *Assessors*
of
Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Jan. 30, 1886.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	.	\$10,000 00	
State school fund	. . . . .	173 47	
Geo. H. Reed	. . . . .	14 94	
E. S. Locke, register	. . . . .	2 50	
J. E. Ham, tuition	. . . . .	50 00	
F. P. Adams, "	. . . . .	57 32	
Cowperthwaite & Co., overpaid bill	.	13 80	
B. F. Brown, travel expenses returned	.	5 00	
East Lexington reading-room, fuel	.	35 00	
James Clifford, damage to books	. .	7 00	
School Book Agency, books sold	. .	24 05	
		<hr/>	\$10,383 08
Excess of expenditure over receipts,			80 12
			<hr/>
			\$10,463 20

EXPENDITURES.

Amount expended	\$10,463 20
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HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Rosa Akerman, instruction	\$700 00
Ellen B. Lane, "	500 00
Ellen E. Harrington, "	400 00
Amelia M. Mulliken, "	. . . . .	400 00
Hattie D. Hall, "	. . . . .	75 00
W. W. Baker, janitor	. . . . .	75 00
W. W. Baker, repairing windows and chairs	. . . . .	5 35
Amount carried forward		<hr/>
		\$2,155 35

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,155 35
W. A. Pierce, coal	105 00
W. J. Neville, wood	28 02
M. O'Brien, cutting wood and labor	7 50
E. J. B. Nourse, broom and shovel	80
John A. Fratus, repairing clock	1 50
H. B. Davis, repairing desk	1 00
Keeler & Co., furniture	27 00
J. E. Bell, blackboards	19 61
Lyman Lawrence, hardware and thermometer	2 72
Lexington Water Co.	7 65
Moses Joy, water pipe and labor	41 19
Moses Joy, labor on cesspool	5 25
Whitcher & Muzzey, lumber	118 39
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock	195 13
T. K. Fiske, painting and glazing	27 00
G. Swan, labor and stock	7 20
C. Ryan, man and horse	5 25
H. B. Davis, repairing	2 85
Hannah Canfield, cleaning	6 00
Bessie Desmond, "	6 00
E. S. Locke, plumbing	109 57
E. S. Locke, 632 feet tin roofing	50 56
E. S. Locke, stove, funnel, dust-pan, repairing furnace, etc.	40 60
	<hr/> \$2,971 14

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Annie D. Hall, instruction	\$650 00
Carrie F. Fiske, instruction	450 00
J. G. Kauffman, janitor	75 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	167 25
Julia Abbott, cleaning	8 00
Wm. Keefe, cleaning vault, etc.	7 00
John Lynch, repairs, labor, and stock	25 25
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,382 50

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M. O'Brien, cutting wood and labor	7 50
E. J. B. Nourse, broom and shovel	80
John A. Fratus, repairing clock	1 50
H. B. Davis, repairing desk	1 00
Keeler & Co., furniture	27 00
J. E. Bell, blackboards	19 61
Lyman Lawrence, hardware and thermometer	2 72
Lexington Water Co.	7 65
Moses Joy, water pipe and labor	41 19
Moses Joy, labor on cesspool	5 25
Whitcher & Muzzey, lumber	118 39
D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock	195 13
T. K. Fiske, painting and glazing	27 00
G. Swan, labor and stock	7 20
C. Ryan, man and horse	5 25
H. B. Davis, repairing	2 85
Hannah Canfield, cleaning	6 00
Bessie Desmond, "	6 00
E. S. Locke, plumbing	109 57
E. S. Locke, 632 feet tin roofing	50 56
E. S. Locke, stove, funnel, dust-pan, repairing furnace, etc.	40 60
	<hr/> \$2,971 14

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Annie D. Hall, instruction	\$650 00
Carrie F. Fiske, instruction	450 00
J. G. Kauffman, janitor	75 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	167 25
Julia Abbott, cleaning	8 00
Wm. Keefe, cleaning vault, etc.	7 00
John Lynch, repairs, labor, and stock	25 25
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,382 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,382 50
Clapp Bros., repairing pump	3 10
L. A. Saville, mugs and waste baskets	1 48
Lexington Water Company	4 20
Moses Joy, Jr., labor on cesspool	5 25
E. S. Locke, plumbing	56 73
E. S. Locke, repairing furnace pipe, etc.	24 70
E. S. Locke, registers, pipe, and repairs	30 72
E. S. Locke, coal hod and repairing furnace,	3 15
	<hr/> \$1,511 83

HIGH SCHOOL.

J. N. Ham, instructor	\$1,500 00
Helen A. Fiske, instructor	750 00
Henry H. Bowen, janitor	80 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	84 00
J. N. Ham, repairing piano, and chemicals	7 95
Lexington Gas Light Company	10 93
Henry R. Earle, piping, fixtures, and labor,	21 00
King & Merrill, stationery	6 00
United States & Canada Express	7 70
A. R. Gage, philosophical apparatus	47 05
Thomas Hall, philosophical apparatus	45 55
E. S. Ritchie & Son, philosophical apparatus,	43 70
Cyrus Martin, moving seats	6 00
Iveson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., books	9 00
B. F. Brown, diplomas	3 00
C. S. Parker, printing	16 50
C. H. Whiting, books	5 84
Clark & Maynard, books	20 40
Carl Schoenhof, books	12 36
John A. Fratus, repairing clock	2 50
Wm. Denham, bolts	40
Moses Joy, Jr., pipe and labor	24 73
H. B. Davis, repairing	7 45
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,712 06

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,712 06
Lexington Water Company	2 00
Lyman Lawrence, hardware	5 90
L. A. Saville, mat, mug, glass, brush	3 63
E. S. Locke, plumbing	57 55
E. S. Locke, grate, gas burner, damper, etc.	13 85
E. S. Locke, sundries	9 55
	<hr/> \$2,804 54

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Maria A. Butterfield, instruction	\$400 00
Geo. O. Wellington, for janitor	30 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	17 25
Bridget Manley, cleaning	3 70
Jos. Dane, cleaning well	5 50
H. B. Davis, repairing latches	90
Clapp Brothers, pump	19 67
E. S. Locke, cleaning stoves, etc.	3 50
	<hr/> \$480 52

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

Emma E. Wright, instruction	\$450 00
G. A. Nourse, janitor	30 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	11 00
W. J. Neville, wood	6 00
Geo. A. Nourse, cutting wood	6 00
Clapp Brothers, repairing pump	2 60
C. Ryan, man and horse	3 50
J. E. Bell, blackboard	12 00
Keeler & Co., furniture	9 00
Mrs. M. Nourse, cleaning	3 00
John A. Fratus, repairing clock	1 50
Jos. Dane, cleaning well	2 50
H. B. Davis, repairs	60
L. A. Saville, broom, glass, mat	2 15
E. S. Locke, repairs on stove and pipe	7 25
	<hr/> \$547 10

WARREN SCHOOL.

L. K. Eaton, instruction	\$400 00
Mary Fitzpatrick, janitor	15 00
Alice Fitzpatrick, janitor	9 00
E. B. Eaton, janitor	3 75
W. Neville, Jr., wood	12 50
P. Fitzpatrick, cutting wood	1 50
W. A. Pierce, coal	11 00
Moses Joy, Jr., pipe and labor	37 45
H. B. Davis, setting glass, labor and stock	4 33
John A. Fratus, repairing clock	1 50
Wm. Locke, labor, lumber, etc. . . .	3 65
C. Ryan, man and horse	3 50
L. A. Saville, broom, brush, bell rope	1 94
E. S. Locke, repairing stove, pump, pipe, etc.	8 00
Mary Fitzpatrick, cleaning	3 00
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	\$516 12

HOWARD SCHOOL.

Nellie H. Parker, instruction	\$320 00
Gertrude Pierce, instruction	80 00
C. A. Corrier, janitor	20 00
W. W. Ferguson, janitor	20 00
Peter Ferguson, cutting wood	1 87
C. A. Corrier, cleaning vault	2 00
W. A. Pierce	17 25
Bridget Manley, cleaning	3 00
Wm. Locke, lumber and labor	2 57
C. Ryan, horse and man	5 25
W. J. Neville, wood	7 51
Keeler & Co., furniture	11 00
H. B. Davis, labor and stock	1 50
E. S. Locke, lining stove, broom and cup	6 75
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	\$498 70

COMMON TO ALL SCHOOLS.

Knight, Adams & Co., stationery . . .	\$160 01
Cowperthwaite & Co., books . . .	30 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., books . . .	25 20
Wm. Ware & Co., books . . .	96 72
D. Appleton & Co., books . . .	3 24
Boston School Supply Co., books . . .	11 10
Clark & Maynard, books . . .	1 80
Willard Small, books . . .	10 53
W. P. Adams, books . . .	1 67
Ginn & Co., books . . .	9 78
Lee & Shepard, books . . .	3 75
Lee & Shepard, books . . .	82 25
Ginn, Heath & Co., books . . .	2 33
D. C. Heath & Co., books . . .	10 83
A. C. Stocking, books . . .	3 78
Thompson, Brown & Co., books . . .	1 58
Ephraim Cutter, Jr., teaching music . .	400 00
Ephraim Cutter, Jr., paid expenses of judges,	3 00
Thomas Hall, chemical and apparatus . .	167 86
Wm. Ware & Co., books . . .	5 00
C. H. Whiting, stationery . . .	11 89
H. H. Carter, stationery . . .	1 20
Nourse & Co., express . . .	5 00
Grace S. Wellington, school book agent . .	50 00
Grace S. Wellington, paid express on books,	8 35
Cary Library, paper for covering books . .	15 88
J. C. Haynes & Co., music paper . . .	1 50
B. F. Brown, expense on account teacher,	5 00
L. E. Cowles & Co., printing school register,	4 00
	<hr/> \$1,133 25

SUMMARY.

Hancock School	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,971 14
High School	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,804 54
Adams School	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,511 83
Franklin School	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	480 52
Bowditch School	547 10
Warren School	516 12
Howard Street	498 70
All schools	1,133 25
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								\$10,463 20

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in treasury	.	.	\$2000 00
R. H. White, sale of potatoes, apples, eggs,			
milk, chickens, vegetables, hogs	.	206 41	
Highway department, board horses	.	234 00	
City of Waltham	.	10 00	
P. Kenison, offal	.	20 13	
A. F. Gould, saddle	.	1 00	
Estabrooks & Blodgett, cow and calf	.	45 00	
W. C. Cutler, paid on account E. Rolfe	.	88 00	
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			\$2,604 54

OUTSIDE POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Town of Beverly	\$20 10
City of Somerville for aid furnished S. A.						
Fairweather	121 00
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						\$141 10
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						\$2,745 64
Excess of expenditures over receipts	.					624 49
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						\$3,370 13
Amount expended in connection with house						
and farm	\$2,501 50
Amount expended for outside poor	.	.				868 63
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						\$3,370 13

EXPENDITURES.

City of Cambridge, offal	\$50 76
Whitcher & Muzzey, grain and lumber	229 49
R. H. White, services	500 04
“ provisions, manure, clothing, etc.	215 56
C. A. Butters & Co., groceries	114 42
L. A. Saville, groceries	170 23
“ wood	28 63
J. O. Tilton, medical attendance	2 00
T. E. Russell, crackers	17 88
Walter Blodgett, cash paid paupers	10 00
H. A. Hartley & Co., carpets and matting	35 50
H. L. Simonds, straw	6 70
Surveyors of highways, horse	225 00
A. F. Spaulding, boots, shoes, and clothing	81 80
C. T. West, N. Harrington's burial	25 00
C. H. Thompson & Co., plough points	4 15
W. A. Pierce, coal	93 25
Lyman Lawrence, harness and repairs	61 03
C. K. Darling, stationery	12 00
Boston and Lowell Railroad, car fare to Denver	40 00
J. F. Simonds, expenses and car fare	8 40
Wm. Denham, smithing	2 80
H. P. Webber, smithing	51 97
E. S. Locke, stove, pail, and repairs	32 05
Geo. H. Jackson, provisions	65 45
C. H. Lowe, provisions	79 79
G. M. Litchfield, ice	14 82
F. R. Willis, dry goods	19 75
W. H. Smith, dry goods	21 18
Whittaker & Glass, cutting grass	5 00
Aug. Childs, groceries	86 41
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,311 06</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$2,311 06
Jos. Dane, cleaning well	.	.	.	2 00
Cyrus Martin, cutting grass	.	.	.	4 00
Estabrooks & Blodgett, one cow	.	.	.	45 00
Wm. Ham, smithing	.	.	.	12 07
Dennis McNamara, labor	.	.	.	4 50
John Ryan, labor	.	.	.	15 00
Gilbert Grimes, 12 cords wood	.	.	.	37 00
Wm. Ham, smithing	.	.	.	3 87
Geo. M. Litchfield	.	.	.	11 85
H. Holmes, medical services 1 year	.	.	.	50 00
W. H. Smith, dry goods	.	.	.	5 15
				<hr/> \$2,501 50

OUTSIDE POOR.

Aid furnished Mrs. R. L. Stickney	.	.	\$109 00
" " S. A. Fairweather	.	.	101 00
" " Geo. B. Haggett	.	.	183 96
" " Mrs. Doyle	.	.	12 75
" " Mrs. Estabrook	.	.	11 50
" " Chas. Hutchinson	.	.	82 00
" " Catherine Conway	.	.	6 72
" " Mrs. J. Logan	.	.	36 26
" " Joanna Birmingham	.	.	17 00
" " Maria Mooney	.	.	15 00
" " C. Manley	.	.	29 00
" " Ellen McGondrick	.	.	26 00
" " Mrs. Jane R. Garmon	.	.	128 21
" " Mrs. Dane	.	.	10 00
" " J. Logan	.	.	25 28
Thomas Logan, burial	.	.	37 00
Howland Holmes, medical attendance	.	.	31 75
Boston Branch Grocery House, crackers	.	.	2 30
Joseph F. Simonds, expense in Cowles and Rolfe cases	.	.	3 90
			<hr/> \$868 63

HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in treasury	\$3,500 00	
Balance in treasury	292 06	
	<u>\$3,792 06</u>	
Less amount for removing snow	300 00	
	<u> </u>	\$3,492 06
Wm. Gilchrist, horse		60 00
John D. Willis, gray horse		100 00
Pauper account horse		225 00
Stetson Street account		22 75
		<u>\$3,899 81</u>
Amount expended	\$3,703 04	
Balance unexpended	196 77	
	<u> </u>	\$3,899 81

EXPENDITURES.

Whitcher & Muzzey, grain	\$218 77
Boston Branch Grocery, three lanterns	2 70
Wm. Gilchrist, bay horse	225 00
J. H. Reed, 170 loads gravel	17 00
L. A. Saville, tools, spikes, etc.	22 03
Thomas G. Whiting, lighting and lanterns,	5 38
C. A. Butters & Co., rakes	2 00
E. L. McNamara, relaying cattle pass	45 00
John D. Willis, horse	300 00
Boston & Lowell Railroad, freight	5 00
Wm. Ham, smithing	73 02
Geo. W. Adams, gravel	10 50
Wm. McGrath, gravel	23 20
Wm. H. Munroe, gravel	20 00
Lyman Lawrence, repairing harness	9 67
Willard Walcott, horse hire	41 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,020 27</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,020 27
Overseers of the Poor, board of horses	234 00
J. F. Simonds, Superintendent of Streets	200 00
P. Kelcher, labor	250 23
P. Geogahan, labor	214 36
M. Manley, labor	255 48
T. McDonald, labor	230 98
J. Shea, labor	240 60
J. Donovan, labor	276 96
J. Ryan, labor	267 73
J. Doyle, labor	61 25
M. Megan, labor	237 99
C. Ryan, labor	108 63
John Ready, labor	104 56
	<hr/> \$3,703 04

CONTINGENT GRANT.

RECEIPTS.

A. B. Shedd, license	\$4 00
A. S. Mitchell, license	2 00
John Morrow, liquor license	300 00
D. S. Goodwin, liquor license	300 00
George H. Thurston, use of Town Hall	47 00
Rev. E. G. Porter, use of Selectmen's room,	10 00
Dr. R. M. Lawrence, on account of public vaccination	10 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,273 25
State Treasurer, bank tax	876 06
Masonic Lodge, rent	100 00
C. G. Kauffman, use of Village Hall	99 00
L. A. Saville, income from town scales	44 63
L. A. Saville, sale of town histories	24 80
	<hr/> \$3,090 74
Amount expended	\$2,209 81
Balance unexpended	880 93
	<hr/> \$3,090 74

EXPENDITURES.

H. B. Davis, services as appraiser and labor	\$6 50
J. O. Winn, damages	75 00
George A. Davis, damages	50 00
C. T. West, services with auditors	5 00
C. T. West, making plan of cemetery	11 34
L. A. Saville, services as registrar	25 00
B. C. Witcher, services as registrar	25 00
A. E. Scott, services as registrar	25 00
Geo. O. Smith, services as registrar	25 00
G. Swan, appraising Poor Farm	3 00
J. Henry Fletcher, services in apprehending hen thieves	50 00
Middlesex Townsman, 1,000 Reports Historical Tablets	29 35
F. Lowe & Co.	7 12
State Treasurer, liquor licenses	150 00
M. Gately, teaming gravel Town Hall	1 50
C. K. Darling, stationery and stamp	5 56
Estate of O. W. Kendall, lining curtains to hearse	1 00
Rockwell & Churchill, printing	1 00
Geo. W. Taylor, insurance	225 00
Witcher & Muzzey, plank for hay scales	9 66
H. R. Earle, labor on hay scales	2 00
C. G. Kauffman, services in raising flag-staff at East Lexington	4 50
C. G. Kauffman, lanterns for street lights,	3 75
F. G. Kauffman, repairing " "	75
F. L. Jewell, glazing	4 14
Wm. Denham, repairing lockup and hearse,	5 00
John Landers, glazing	2 50
Codman & Shurtleff, kine points	8 01
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$761 68</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$761 68
A. L. Scott & Son, painting and lettering signs	45 50
Asa Cottrell, legal advice	5 00
Fred. N. Leman, signs at Hall and Library, Joseph A. Fiske, repainting letters on monument	22 08
	5 00
Cyrus Martin, mowing Common	2 50
M. O'Brien, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ days work on Common	17 05
Geo. L. Pierce, material for trimming Hall, Carrie Underwood, repairing town flag	5 00
	1 50
L. G. Babcock, draping Town Hall for Grant, J. O. Tilton, returning 24 births	6 00
	6 00
J. O. Tilton, services in public vaccination, Abijah Harrington, services in cemetery	5 00
	20 00
Charles Robinson, Jr., legal services	15 00
Lyman Lawrence, blanket and keys for lockup	1 15
Willard Walcott, use of horse and carriage, Geo. H. Thurston, alcohol and labor	24 00
	2 40
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., lock and keys	2 45
Clerk of County Courts, fees	3 20
R. L. Hodgdon, returning birth	1 75
T. K. Fiske, painting outside windows	2 50
H. Holmes, services in vaccination	5 00
Dr. S. Saltmarsh, services in vaccination	5 00
Dr. S. Saltmarsh, returning births	2 00
Wm. Reed, boundary stones	38 00
D. A. Tuttle, labor and material, Town Hall	5 55
Wm. Denham, repairing sign-board	75
G. S. Locke, stove, plumbing, and repairing furnace	49 15
L. A. Saville, returning births, marriages, and deaths	28 55
L. A. Saville, hardware, and for tramps	29 27
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,118 03

<i>Amount brought forward</i> . . .	\$1,118 03
L. A. Saville, stamps and envelopes for Report on Historical Tablets . . .	9 00
A. L. Scott & Son, labor and stock, Town Hall	38 50
H. R. Earle, gas fixtures for Library . . .	9 46
H. R. Earle, street lamps and posts . . .	7 50
Lexington Water Co., 40 hydrants . . .	321 64
Lexington Water Co., water for watering trough	14 43
Moses Joy, Jr., for pipe and labor . . .	100 75
H. G. Worth, services as detective in Warren School case	200 00
H. G. Worth, expense to Tewksbury . . .	5 00
Lexington Water Co., hydrants, engine-house watering-trough	385 50
	<hr/> \$2,209 81

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$1,200 00
H. P. Webber, old hose	7 08
John A. Russell, old hose	6 12
	<hr/> \$1,213 20
Excess of expenditures over receipts	109 08
	<hr/> \$1,322 28
Amount expended	\$1,322 28

EXPENDITURES.

Hancock Engine Co.	\$290 82
Adams Engine Co.	295 59
Wentworth Engine Co.	133 66
Hovey Hook and Ladder	118 00
E. S. Locke, engineer	20 00
	<hr/> \$858 07
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$858 07

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$858 07
H. R. Earle, engineer	20 00
Geo. L. Pierce, engineer	20 00
P. Daley, steward Hancock	39 16
Michael Barry, steward Hancock	3 33
Robert Britton, steward Wentworth	38 00
C. G. Kauffman, steward Hook and Ladder,	20 00
C. E. Harrington, steward Adams	29 15
John Stroppe, steward Adams, and member,	25 00
W. Walcott, drawing engine to fires	42 50
United States and Canada Express, horse and wagon	4 00
Lyman & Howard, 3 books	1 15
R. M. Mokely, services	83
Andrew J. Adair, services	6 67
Thomas Hurley, services	7 50
John McDonald, services	2 50
O. W. Mitchell, five badges	5 00
J. Chisholm, harness	30 00
Lexington Gas Light Co.	8 74
Moses Joy, Jr., pipe and labor, Hancock	18 80
A. J. Wilkinson & Co., hardware, etc.	1 50
Wm. G. Harris, three shades	1 50
Nourse & Co., express	3 05
W. A. Pierce, coal	22 50
E. S. Locke, plumbing	35 79
E. S. Locke, lock, keys and lantern	12 50
E. S. Locke, stove pipe, lead pipe, hard- ware	28 21
Aug. Childs, oil, sponge and wicks	3 51
J. McNamara, gravel	2 00
L. A. Saville, oil, rope and potash	4 52
J. E. Wilson, hauling engine to five fires	15 00
C. A. Twitchell & Co., extinguishers and badges	3 75
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,314 23</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,314 23
H. P. Webber, smithing	1 00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., repairs	2 00	
Henry Pickford, repairing lock and keys	2 80	
G. L. Pierce, candles and charcoal	1 25	
Shaw Bros., wagon jack	1 00	
		<u>\$1,322 28</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated from cash in the treasury		\$300 00
Amount expended	\$87 50	
Balance unexpended	212 50	
		<u>\$300 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

P. Kelleher	\$22 00
J. Shea	13 00
J. Ryan	14 00
J. Donovan	13 00
Peter Peters	3 00
C. F. Winship	6 00
A. N. Tufts	12 00
G. M. Litchfield	4 50
	<u>\$87 50</u>

CONSTABLE AND POLICE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$800 00
Unappropriated	1,800 00
	<u>\$2,600 00</u>
Amount expended	977 41
Balance unexpended	1,622 59
	<u>\$2,600 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

C. D. Clark	\$116 66	
Walter Wellington, notifying town meetings, and police duty	133 50	
Samuel Moulton	5 00	
James A. Mitchell	5 00	
Geo. H. Thurston	5 00	
M. C. Baldwin	5 00	
Henry Bishop	120 00	
Albert M. Davis	115 00	
John Chisholm	5 00	
H. G. Worth	459 00	
C. A. Twitchell, police badges	2 50	
John P. Lovell & Son, handcuffs	5 75	
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		\$977 41

SELECTMEN IN THEIR VARIOUS CAPACITIES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$800 00
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EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Simonds	\$300 00	
R. M. Lawrence	225 00	
Walter Blodgett	225 00	
L. A. Saville, recorder	50 00	
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		\$800 00

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$2,400 00	
Commonwealth Bank	36 12	
Interest on taxes overdue, 1884	124 89	
Interest on taxes overdue, 1885	29 90	
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		\$2,590 91
Amount expended	\$2,504 70	
Balance unexpended	86 21	
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		\$2,590 91

EXPENDITURES.

Francis E. Ballard, Treasurer	\$120 00	
Geo. H. Reed, "	660 00	
C. T. West, Gammell legacy	35 00	
L. W. Wright, trustee cemetery trust fund	135 00	
State Treasurer	1,554 70	
	<hr/>	\$2,504 70

STATE AID.

RECEIPTS.

State Treasurer	\$376 00	
Amount expended	\$308 00	
Balance unexpended	68 00	
	<hr/>	\$376 00

EXPENDITURES.

G. A. Page	\$72 00	
Thomas Burke	72 00	
J. V. Ramsdell	12 00	
Lydia Kinnaston	48 00	
Emily Earle	48 00	
Ursula M. Bullard	48 00	
Elizabeth McCreesh	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$308 00

STREET LAMPS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885 . . .	\$1,300 00	
" from cash in Treasury . . .	97 49	
	<hr/>	\$1,397 49
Excess of expenditures over receipts . . .	4 45	
	<hr/>	\$1,401 94

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Light Co.	\$801 33
J. G. Kauffman, lighting and repairs	338 90
John Ryan, lighting	240 36
T. G. Whiting, care of lights	13 70
Otis Harrington, setting lamp post	2 00
L. A. Saville, glass and chimneys	5 65
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	\$1,401 94

REPAIRS ON VILLAGE HALL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$140 00
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EXPENDITURES.

D. A. Tuttle, shingling	\$140 00
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NEW HOSE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$1,000 00
Amount expended	\$996 40
Balance unexpended	3 60
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	\$1,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Boston Woven Hose Co., hose and pipes,	\$570 00
Anderson Brothers, hose wagon and let- tering	225 00
Andrew S. Jackson, hose cart, etc,	183 60
Wm. Denham, chemical chest, etc.	18 40
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	\$996 40

ADDITION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$1,800 00
M. H. Merriam	20 00
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	\$1,820 00

Amount expended	\$1,818 50	
Balance unexpended	1 50	
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EXPENDITURES.

E. G. Flanders, contract	\$1,750 00	
John T. McNamara, moving out buildings,	18 50	
W. A. Rodman, plans and specifications	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,818 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$300 00
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EXPENDITURES.

B. F. Brown	\$100 00	
A. W. Bryant	100 00	
Geo. H. Reed	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

LIBRARIAN OF CARY LIBRARY.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$400 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts	12 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

Grace S. Wellington	\$400 00	
Martha M. Harrington	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$412 00

AUDITORS.**RECEIPTS.**

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$45 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Gershom Swan	\$22 50	
Hilman B. Sampson	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$45 00

SIDEWALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1835	\$500 00	
W. H. Greely	20 94	
E. S. Beals	31 60	
Clinton Viles	27 00	
Follen Church	20 00	
E. S. Spaulding	16 80	
Ellen A. Stone	35 10	
H. P. Webber	15 00	
George Munroe	26 04	
John Lynch	11 19	
George H. Emery	31 80	
James Barnes	24 11	
Larkin Harrington	40 50	
H. H. Tyler	16 98	
B. F. Brown	75 78	
Geo. Flint	12 90	
	<hr/>	\$905 74
Amount expended	\$893 30	
Balance unexpended	12 44	
	<hr/>	\$905 74

EXPENDITURES.

D. F. Tripp, concreting	\$881 80	
C. Ryan, labor	11 50	
	<hr/>	\$893 30

SURVEY OF COMMON.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1835	\$100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Aspinwall & Lincoln, survey and plans	\$100 00
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WATERING TROUGH AT EAST LEXINGTON.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$150 00
Amount expended	\$103 65
Balance unexpended	46 35
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	\$150 00

EXPENDITURES.

Smith & Ferguson, trough	\$100 00
Moses Joy, Jr., labor and pipe	3 65
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	\$103 65

HEATING AND FURNISHING HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriated	\$775 00
Amount expended	\$732 59
Balance unexpended	42 41
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	\$775 00

EXPENDITURES.

E. S. Locke, furnaces, pipes, registers	\$338 48
G. P. Webster, plumbing	231 00
John Landers, labor and stock	30 00
Edward Greenwood, labor and stock	133 11
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	\$732 59

MEMORIAL DAY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$100 00
Amount expended	\$95 05
Balance unexpended	4 95
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	\$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Geo. G. Meade Post	\$95 05
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CARY LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

County Treasurer, dog tax	\$404 49
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EXPENDITURE.

Treasurer Cary Library	\$404 49
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STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer	\$2,175 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Treasurer	\$1,479 10
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ON ACCOUNT OF SETTLEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

EXPENDITURE.

Paid State Treasurer	\$1,000 00
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CARY LIBRARY CATALOGUE.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$400 00
Amount expended	.	.	.	.	\$397 50	
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	2 50	
					<hr/>	\$400 00

EXPENDITURES.

Frank Wood, printing	.	.	.	.	\$362 50	
Grace S. Wellington, work on catalogue	.	.	.	.	35 00	
					<hr/>	\$397 50

HIGHWAY RAILINGS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	.	.	.	.	.	\$100 00
Amount expended	.	.	.	.	\$79 05	
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	20 95	
					<hr/>	\$100 00

EXPENDITURES.

John B. Lord, labor	.	.	.	.	\$45 75	
Whitcher & Muzzey, lumber	33 30	
					<hr/>	\$79 05

HISTORICAL TABLETS.

EXPENDITURE.

Gershon Swan, labor and stock	\$6 45
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REPAIRS AT CARY LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURES.

D. A. Tuttle, labor and stock	\$27 53	
T. K. Fiske, painting	5 95	
	<hr/>	\$33 48

PRINTING.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885 . .	\$200 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts . .	13 35	
	<hr/>	\$213 35

EXPENDITURES.

W. Kellaway, printing reports	\$154 45	
C. S. Parker, printing	58 90	
	<hr/>	\$213 35

REPAIRS ON STETSON STREET.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$150 00	
Amount expended	\$131 19	
Balance unexpended	18 81	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

EXPENDITURES.

Highway department	\$22 75	
P. Geoghan	14 87	
J. Doyle	14 00	
M. Manley	10 49	
P. Kelleher	13 12	
T. McDonald	13 12	
J. Ryan	10 49	
J. Shea	10 49	
J. Donovan	11 37	
M. Megan	10 49	
	<hr/>	\$131 19

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$500 00
Amount expended	\$400 00
Balance unexpended	100 00
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	\$500 00

EXPENDITURES.

C. T. West for 1884	\$100 00
C. T. West for 1885	300 00
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	\$400 00

CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1884	\$164 18
Sale of lots	195 00
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	\$359 18
Amount expended	\$234 07
Balance unexpended	125 11
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	\$359 18

EXPENDITURES.

C. Ryan, labor	\$1 50
Whitcher & Muzzey, lumber	1 82
Moses Joy, Jr., pipe and labor	147 50
T. H. Bowen, labor	37 00
L. W. Wright, services	5 00
L. S. Pierce, services	3 00
C. T. West, superintendent	38 25
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	\$234 07

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Borrowed May 13, 1885	\$3,000 00
Paid Sept. 12, 1885	\$3,000 00
Borrowed June 19, 1885	2,500 00
Paid Oct. 19, 1885	2,500 00
Borrowed Oct. 19, 1885	2,500 00
Paid Jan. 19, 1885	2,500 00
Borrowed Jan. 28, 1885	2,000 00

READING-ROOM AT EAST LEXINGTON.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885 . . .	\$225 00	
Excess of expenditures over receipts . . .	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$260 00

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Ellen Dana	\$225 00	
C. T. West, heating reading-room . . .	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$260 00

IMPROVEMENT WALTHAM STREET.

EXPENDITURES.

J. M. Ellis & Co., balance contract . . .	\$200 00	
T. G. Whiting, care of lanterns . . .	17 78	
	<hr/>	\$217 78

ASSESSORS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$425 00	
Amount expended	\$419 25	
Balance unexpended	5 75	
	<hr/>	\$425 00

EXPENDITURES.

J. F. Simonds	\$162 00	
H. B. Davis	130 00	
Walter Wellington	120 00	
C. K. Darling, stationery	7 25	
	<hr/>	\$419 25

RINGING BELLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$70 00	
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EXPENDITURES.

Aug. Childs	\$35 00	
Wm. F. Ham	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 00

TREASURER OF CARY LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$50 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Geo. H. Reed, Treasurer	\$50 00
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TOWN CLERK.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

L. A. Saville	\$100 00
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SEXTON.

EXPENDITURES.

Estate of O. W. Kendall	\$10 00	
C. T. West	27 75	
	<hr/>	\$37 75

FUEL AND LIGHTS FOR TOWN AND VILLAGE
HALLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$500 00
Amount expended	\$482 25
Balance unexpended	17 75
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	\$500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Lexington Gas Light Co.	\$253 80
C. G. Kauffman	27 95
Robert Fawcett, charcoal	7 00
W. A. Pierce, coal	193 50
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	\$482 25

GAMMELL LEGACY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1884	\$110 58	
Interest from town of Lexington	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$145 58
Amount expended	\$68 57	
Balance unexpended	77 01	
	<hr/>	\$145 58

EXPENDITURES.

H. A. Hartley & Co., carpets	\$38 00
Money given inmates	5 50
J. A. Fratus, clock	6 00
L. A. Saville, tobacco	4 20
Trustees, sundries	10 00
C. H. Lowe, provisions	4 87
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	\$68 57

JANITORS TOWN AND VILLAGE HALLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated and assessed for 1885	\$500 00	
Amount expended	\$475 04	
Balance unexpended	24 96	
	<hr/>	\$500 00

EXPENDITURES.

George H. Thurston	\$425 04	
C. G. Kauffman	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$475 04

RECAPITULATION.

CASH RECEIPTS.

On hand Feb. 1, 1885	\$3,009 93
State school fund and sundry receipts	383 08
Support of the poor	745 64
Highways	407 75
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Amount carried forward	\$4,546 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i>						\$4,546 40
Contingent	3,090 74
Fire Department	.	.	.	.	.	13 20
Interest	.	.	.	.	.	190 91
State aid	.	.	.	.	.	376 00
Addition to High School	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
Sidewalks	.	.	.	.	.	405 74
County Treasurer, dog tax	.	.	.	.	.	404 49
Cemetery, sale of lots	.	.	.	.	.	195 00
Temporary loans	.	.	.	.	.	10,000 00
Gammell legacy	.	.	.	.	.	35 00
Taxes of 1884	.	.	.	.	.	4,181 43
Taxes of 1885	.	.	.	.	.	27,113 17
						————— \$50,572 08

CASH EXPENDITURES.

Schools	10,463	20
Support of the poor	3,370	13
Highways	3,703	04
Contingent	2,209	81
Fire Department	1,322	28
Removing snow	87	50
Constable and police	977	41
Selectmen	800	00
Interest	2,504	70
State aid	308	00
Street lamps	1,401	94
Repairs on Village Hall	140	00
New hose for Fire Department	996	40
Addition to High School	1,818	50
School Committee	300	00
Librarian of Cary Library	412	00
Auditors	45	00
Sidewalks	893	30
Survey of Common	100	00
Watering trough at East Lexington	103	65
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$31,960</i>	<i>86</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$31,960 86
Heating and furnishing High School	.	.	.	.	.	732 59
Memorial Day	.	.	.	.	.	95 05
Cary Library	.	.	.	.	.	404 49
State tax	.	.	.	.	.	2,175 00
County tax	.	.	.	.	.	1,479 10
Account settlement town debt	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Cary Library catalogue	.	.	.	.	.	397 50
Highway railings	.	.	.	.	.	79 05
Historical Tablets	.	.	.	.	.	6 45
Repairs at Cary Library	.	.	.	.	.	33 48
Printing	.	.	.	.	.	213 35
Repairs on Stetson Street	.	.	.	.	.	131 19
Treasurer and Collector	.	.	.	.	.	400 00
Cemetery	.	.	.	.	.	234 07
Temporary loan	.	.	.	.	.	8,000 00
Reading-room at East Lexington	.	.	.	.	.	260 00
Improvement on Waltham Street	.	.	.	.	.	217 78
Assessors	.	.	.	.	.	419 25
Ringling bells	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
Treasury of Cary Library	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Town Clerk	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Sexton	.	.	.	.	.	37 75
Fuel and lights for Town and Village Halls	.	.	.	.	.	482 25
Gammell legacy	.	.	.	.	.	68 57
Janitors of Town and Village Halls	.	.	.	.	.	475 04
Balance	.	.	.	.	.	1,053 26
						<hr/> \$50,572 08

GERSHOM SWAN, }
 HILMAN B. SAMPSON, } *Auditors.*

LEXINGTON, Feb. 1, 1886.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF LEXINGTON

FOR THE YEAR 1885-86.



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REPORT.

IN following the usual custom and requirements of the statutes, we respectfully present this Annual Report of the School Committee of Lexington.

The teachers of our schools are faithful and earnest, and are performing their work with efficiency and zeal, and as a result, we believe our public schools are in a condition not inferior to any previous year.

Mrs. Ackerman, the very efficient and highly esteemed teacher of the Hancock Grammer School, after a service of ten years, resigned the 19th of December, on account of impaired health.

She was succeeded by Miss Hattie D. Hall, a teacher of experience, and well qualified for the position, and we trust the school in her charge will maintain its high standing of former years.

Miss Parker, teacher of the Howard School, after a service of five years, was given a leave of absence on account of ill health. Her place is now filled by Miss Pierce, formerly a teacher in the Warren School.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The whole number of scholars attending the High School during the year was fifty-one.

The number of pupils that graduated in June was six.

Their names are as follows : —

Julia Desmond,	Carrie A. Kauffman,
Addie A. Fiske,	Annie L. Riley,
Annie A. Jones,	Grace L. Wing.

In place of the above six who left, thirteen entered at the beginning of the next [term [from]] the [several] schools in town, bringing the total membership up to thirty-nine, viz. : —

Seven in the first class.

Eight in the second class.

Eleven in the third class.

Thirteen in the fourth class.

The following is now the course of study in the High School : —

HIGH SCHOOL. — CLASSICAL COURSE.

FOURTH CLASS.

Latin Grammar and Reader	40 weeks
Algebra	40 “
Physics	40 “

* Arithmetic ; * English Composition ; * English Authors.

THIRD CLASS.

Cæsar	40 weeks
Geometry	40 “
Chemistry	40 “

* Arithmetic ; * English Composition ; * English Authors.

Pupils preparing for college will take Greek in place of Chemistry.

* One recitation each week in each of the subjects marked with an asterisk. Four recitations weekly in each of the other subjects.

JUNIOR CLASS.

Cicero	40 weeks
History	40 “
French	40 “

In place of French, pupils may elect

Physical Geography, 20 weeks, }	40 weeks
Botany, 20 “ }	

* Arithmetic; * English Grammar; * English Authors.

Pupils preparing for college will take Greek in place of French.

SENIOR CLASS.

Virgil	40 weeks
English Literature	40 “
French	40 “

In place of French, pupils may elect Commercial Law for twenty weeks and Civil Government for twenty weeks.

* Arithmetic; * Rhetoric; * English Authors.

Pupils preparing for college will take Greek in place of English Literature.

HIGH SCHOOL. — ENGLISH COURSE.

FOURTH CLASS.

Algebra	40 weeks
Physics	40 “
Physiology, 20 weeks, }	40 “
Bookkeeping, 20 weeks, }	

* Arithmetic; * English Composition; * English Authors.

THIRD CLASS.

Geometry	40 weeks
Chemistry	40 “
French	40 “

* Arithmetic; * English Composition; * English Authors.

* One recitation each week in each of the subjects marked with an asterisk.
Four recitations weekly in each of the other subjects.

JUNIOR CLASS.

History	40 weeks.
Geology, 20 weeks, }	40 “
Botany, 20 weeks, }	
French	40 “

In place of French, pupils may elect

Physical Geography, 20 weeks, }	40 “
Astronomy, 20 weeks,	

*Arithmetic ; *English Grammar ; *English Authors.

SENIOR CLASS.

English Literature	40 weeks
Commercial Law, 20 weeks, }	40 “
Civil Government, 20 weeks, }	
French or Trigonometry	40 “

*Arithmetic ; *Rhetoric ; *English Authors.

MUSIC.

Music is now a recognized study in our schools. The special instructor in this department, Mr. Cutter, has been faithful and zealous in his duties, and his instruction has been systematic and thorough. The regular teachers have been careful to follow his directions and suggestions, and by their persistent co-operation good results have been attained in this important branch of instruction in all the schools.

This fact was made apparent at our third public annual examination and exhibition of music held in the Town Hall at the close of the summer term.

The exercises in theory, part singing, and chorus singing were of such a character as to reflect credit

* One recitation each week in each of the subjects marked with an asterisk. Four recitations weekly in each of the other subjects.

upon the pupils and their instructors, and afforded much enjoyment to the listeners.

A healthy spirit of rivalry has prevailed, and the determination to become the banner school has afforded a stimulus for laudable effort in this direction. The prize banner, having remained with the Howard School for one year, was, on this occasion, transferred to the Hancock School, the judges being Messrs. G. H. Howard and Benjamin Cutter, from the Conservatory of Music, of Boston, who so kindly served the preceding year, and to whom our thanks are due.

WRITING AND DRAWING.

Writing and drawing have been fairly well taught in our schools, and, as compared with former years, no very marked improvement is observed, and yet no indications of decline are noticed. There is still much room for improvement in these studies.

TRUANCY.

A few cases of truancy have occurred the past year requiring the attention of the truant officer, and he reports that he has investigated four cases, and required attendance at school. In several of these cases the parents were at fault.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There have been several cases of scarlet fever and measles in this town the past year, interfering somewhat with school attendance.

Attention is called to the following State law of 1885: —

AN ACT

TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: —

Chapter sixty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended so that it shall read as follows: The school committees shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person; and any pupil coming from such household shall be required to present to the teacher of the school the pupil desires to attend a certificate from the attending physician or board of health, of the facts necessary to entitle him to admission, in accordance with the above regulation.

By State law also, no child is allowed to be admitted to or connected with the public schools who has not been vaccinated.

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

Quite an item of expense in school administration during the year has been in consequence of the free text-book law of 1884.

The appropriation of the town for this purpose was	. \$400 00
The sum expended has been . . . . .	. 504 96
Showing an excess over the appropriation of . . . . .	. \$104 96

It is perhaps too soon to judge of the wisdom of this law, as there are some parents who seem unable

to appreciate an education of their children that costs them nothing, and for that reason do not feel the importance of sending their children to each daily session of the schools.

The attention of parents is particularly called to the form of label which is pasted on the inside of the cover of each book, which is charged by its number to the pupil to whom it is loaned.

PROPERTY OF THE

TOWN OF.....

This book is loaned to the pupil on the following conditions :

1. It is to be carefully used and not marked or defaced.
2. It is not to be taken from the school-room without the consent of the teacher.
3. If lost or injured, it is to be paid for by the pupil using it.

Cost*cents.*

No...... *School.*

TO WHOM LOANED.

WHEN.

NON-ATTENDANCE.

The Commonwealth requires all children of school age to go regularly to school. All thoughtful parents acknowledge the wisdom of this requirement, and will

not allow their children to be absent from school unless by some circumstance beyond their control. Unfortunately, there are some parents who are thoughtless, and for convenience, or from ignorance of the inevitable results of their acts, allow, or perhaps require, their children to be frequently absent from school. This has been particularly the case in the Warren and Howard Schools, the rate of attendance to the whole number being only eighty-two per cent; and yet this evil is not wholly confined to any one school, as the following will show. By the census of this town, taken this year, we find the number of persons between the ages of 5 and 15 to be 449. The number attending school is 411. The average number attending school is 353.

We ask your especial attention to the large difference between these numbers, showing how our schools must be disturbed in their work by the grave evils of non-attendance and irregular attendance.

As this evil is so largely within the control of parents, we trust that such a public sentiment may be formed in this town as will put an end to this evil, and to cause every parent to feel that no sacrifice can be too great in order that his children may obtain an education, the surest passport to position, influence, and success in life.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars not absent or tardy.

ADAMS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR.—John H. Stone.

FOR A TERM.—Mattie E. Child, Miner W. Smith, Charles H. Spaulding, Arthur S. Tyler, Edward S. Tyler.

ADAMS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR.—Charles P. Stone.

FOR A TERM.—Cora A. Ball, Florence Kauffman, G. Miner Smith.

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM.—John F. Ballard, Sarah A. Dane.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM.—Julia Carroll, Nell White.

HANCOCK GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM.—Nellie Bacon, Albert Berry, Herbert S. Norris, Christopher Ryan, Carlton A. Shaw.

HANCOCK SUB-GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR.—Arthur D. Stone.

FOR A TERM.—Nellie Bacon, Annie S. Brown, Harry N. Cutter, Roscoe Ham, Mary E. Hinchey, Mary D. Hunt, William Hunt, Otis G. Jackson, Homer B. Locke, Ada F. Lord, Fred T. Lord, Sadie Morse, Albert G. Peters, John D. Peters, Fannie Riley, Carlton A. Shaw.

HANCOCK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR.—William A. Jackson, Ellis W. Tower.

FOR A TERM.—George Arthur Barrett, Mary Barry, James F. Burke, Harry N. Cutter, George Otis Jackson, William C. McCann, Clinton Peters.

HANCOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

FOR A TERM.—Ruby Hackett.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR. — Ernest G. Kauffman, Cora F. Peters.

FOR A TERM. — Willard D. Brown, Frank P. Cutter, Edw. B. Eaton, Addie A. Fiske, Grace L. Harrington, John Hinchey, Richard Hinchey, Carrie A. Kauffman, Fannie M. Kauffman, Julia M. Maynard, Howard M. Munroe, Edward P. Merriam, Lilla Norris, L. Ellsworth Pierce, Fred M. Prescott, Jennie M. Snow, Florence B Wright.

HOWARD SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR. — Daniel Crowley.

FOR A TERM. — Dennis Crowley, Minnie Crowley, Nellie Crowley.

WARREN SCHOOL.

FOR THE YEAR. — Florence H. Gaddis.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

With the exception of the Warren School, the school-books and other school property of the various schools have been kept in good condition, free from injury, except in rare instances. In this school, however, most of the school-books were maliciously and totally destroyed, and other damage done between the closing of school on Friday and the opening of school on the following Monday morning. The Selectmen offered a reward of \$200 for information that would lead to the apprehension and conviction of the perpetrators, and as a result, four girls belonging to the school were convicted of the offence. The oldest girl, Mary Fitzpatrick, fifteen years of age, the ringleader and the janitress of the building, was sen-

tenced to the Industrial School at Lancaster, Mass., during her minority, the other girls being sentenced to pay the costs of the court. We trust this case will be a warning for good to all like evil-doers in future.

REPAIRS.

Among the improvements of the year is a new piazza to the front and side of the Hancock School building, agreeable to the recommendation of the School Board of last year, which meets a long-felt want. An addition of two rooms has been made to the High School building, and improvements made in the old building, giving excellent accommodations for class, laboratory, and scientific work so long needed.

The building when completed will be well adapted for school purposes, being sufficiently large, well lighted, well heated, and with good ventilation. Water from the water works has been introduced into the Hancock, High, and Adams School buildings, which has proved a great convenience to the schools. All the other school buildings are in good condition, and will need but the usual repairs during the coming year.

At the annual meeting in March, the town appropriated the following sums : —

For instruction, fuel, and care of rooms	. \$8,500 00
Repairs and incidentals	. . . 800 00
Free text-books and supplies	. . . 400 00
Apparatus and incidentals for High School	. . . . . 300 00

In addition the Committee have received

From State school fund	\$173 47	
Tuition of pupils from other towns	152 23	
Sale of text-books to scholars	24 05	
Town, for heating library room at East Lexington	35 00	
Total resources		\$10,384 75
Bills have been approved for		10,383 05
Leaving a balance unexpended of		\$1 70

In detail as follows :—

ADAMS SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$1,100 00	
Care of rooms	75 00	
Fuel	155 25	
Repairs, etc.	199 28	
		\$1,529 53

BOWDITCH SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$450 00	
Care of rooms	30 00	
Fuel	23 00	
Repairs, etc.	41 50	
		544 50

FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$400 00	
Care of rooms	30 00	
Fuel	17 25	
Repairs, etc.	33 27	
		480 52

HANCOCK SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$2,075 00	
Care of rooms	75 00	
Fuel	133 52	
Repairs, etc.	670 07	
		2,953 59

HIGH SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$2,250 00	
Care of rooms	80 00	

Fuel	84 00	
Apparatus and chemicals	\$313 16	
Repairs, etc.	157 89	
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HOWARD SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$400 00	
Care of rooms	40 00	
Fuel	26 63	
Repairs, etc.	29 17	
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WARREN SCHOOL.

Instruction	\$400 00	
Care of rooms	27 75	
Fuel	25 00	
Repairs, etc.	28 92	
	<hr/>	481 67
Instruction in music		400 00
Text-books and supplies		504 96
Common to all		107 43
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Amount of bills approved for 1885 and 1886	\$10,383 05	
Unexpended balance		1 70

Your Committee recommend that the town appropriate for the ensuing year the following sums: —

For instruction, fuel and care of rooms	\$8,500 00
Repairs and incidentals	800 00
Free text-books and supplies	550 00
Apparatus and incidentals for High School	150 00
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	\$10,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. F. BROWN,	} Committee.
A. W. BRYANT,	
GEORGE H. REED,	

TABULAR VIEW, SHOWING SALARIES, ETC.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	No. of Scholars 1st Term.	No. of Scholars 2d Term.	Average Number 1st Term.	Average Number 2d Term.	Average Number for Year.	Per ct. at- tendance of actual members.	Average attendance for Year.	Salaries.	
High	J. N. Ham H. A. Fiske	43	42	39.3	39.8	39.5	93	37.5	\$1,500 00 750 00	July 29, 1884. Sept. 3, 1883.
Hancock Grammar . .	Rosa Akerman . . Hattie D. Hall . .	26	43	23.2	39.2	31.2	88.75	29.87	800 00 600 00	Dec. 30, 1875. Dec. 5, 1885.
Hancock Sub-Grammar .	Ellen B. Lane . . .	38	47	35.25	43.85	39.55	95.6	37.7	500 00	Mar. 22, 1870.
Hancock Intermediate .	Ellen E. Harrington	56	39	47.6	30.4	39	92	36.8	400 00	Sept. 3, 1874.
Hancock Primary . . .	Amelia M. Mulliken .	40	47	32	40	36	85	31	400 00	Nov. 21, 1878.
Adams Grammar . . .	Annie D. Hall . . .	32	48	33.2	42.6	37.9	86	34.6	650 00	Aug. 22, 1884.
Adams Primary . . .	Carrie F. Fiske . . .	40	41	33.6	36	34.8	85	29.3	450 00	Mar. 22, 1872.
Bowditch	Emma E. Wright . .	43	44	31	35	33	83.5	27.7	450 00	Dec. 29, 1875.
Franklin	Maria A. Butterfield	26	25	19.6	23.8	24.2	86	19.5	400 00	June 26, 1875.
Howard	Nellie H. Parker . . Gertrude Pierce . .	23	26	19.4	22.2	20.8	82	19.4	400 00 400 00	Jan. 31, 1880. Dec. 4, 1885.
Warren	L. K. Eaton	27	22	16.4	16.8	16.6	82	13.5	400 00	Feb. 1, 1884.
Music Teacher. . . .	Ephraim Cutter, Jr.	400 00	Jan. 31, 1881.

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